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DO YOU HAVE ANY FACULTY APARTMENTS LEFT? Students selected their housing for next year after their numbers were called during Sunday's housing lottery.

New study abroad fee draws mixed reactions

By Gabriel Meyer '96
NEWS EDITOR

The recent announcement of the implementation of a $900 per semester administrative fee for students enrolled in study abroad programs has been met with mixed reactions. The fee, says the College Administration, is a necessary measure that makes Hamilton's study abroad policy similar to those of peer institutions. Some students counter that the fee is excessive and unwarranted. A group of students recently submitted a signed petition protesting the fee, to President Eugene Tobin.

The $900 fee will apply to all students who participate in non-Hamilton study abroad programs, beginning next semester. In a recent interview, Tobin stated that the fee, which has been under consideration for three years, will allow the continued promotion of study abroad programs at Hamilton.

"[The fee] protects us in an increasingly competitive economic environment," commented Tobin. "It is not a reflection of any immediate problems we are experiencing." He added that the fee will allow the college to meet future financial needs.

Reduced strain on financial aid

Tobin noted that the fee will reduce the strain on Hamilton's financial aid programs and make up some of the lost tuition incurred when a student studies abroad in a non-Hamilton program. Under the current policy, a student on financial aid who chooses to study abroad in a non-Hamilton program, can use the financial aid he or she usually receives from Hamilton to pay for the cost of the program.

In effect, the College is subsidizing other academic institutions by paying for students to participate in their programs. Though students will be allowed to continue using financial aid for study abroad, Tobin said that the $900 fee will amount to a needed savings for Hamilton.

The fee will not be charged to students on academic leaves of absence or those studying in the U.S. This includes students who participate on domestic programs like the

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Housing lottery ends anxious waiting period for many

By Chris Marcisz '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The General Housing Lottery for the 1994-1995 school year was held last Sunday in the Filius Events Barn of Beinecke. The annual process through which most students select their living arrangements for the next year began at noon with the Class of 1995 and continued through much of the day.

Students began arriving at the village around midday and the last did not leave until after sunset. Throughout the day, students checked up on the board that indicated which rooms were taken and tried to make plans before their lottery numbers were called. Once their numbers were called, they proceeded to the Events Barn where they began the process of selection.

Co-chair of the Residential Life Committee, Deb Maxfield '94, indicated early during the lottery that the whole process was moving along very well. She attributed this to the fact that the rising seniors who made the first selections were for the most part "friendly people who [were] going to get what they want." She also said that the most popular housing in the early stages of the lottery were Minor, suites in Babbitt and Milbank, and many of the available singles.

According to Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed, this year's lottery went very well; she even went so far as to call it "the smoothest we've ever had." She was also quick to praise the Residential Life Staff. Residential Life Co-chair Doc Obermeyer echoed Reed's feelings, saying that everything had gone "much more smoothly than in the past" and that "the flow was better thanks to location."

Both Reed and Obermeyer indicated that holding the lottery in the Events Barn was a substantial improvement from past housing lotteries which were held in the cramped confines of Bristol Campus Center or the Kirner-Johnson Building. Beinecke Village provides much more space, which makes it easier to separate areas for the actual housing selection and those waiting for their numbers to be called.

Most students were content with their housing, though many rising-sophomores forced to wait until the end of the lottery to choose their housing were dismayed by their limited choices.

"I feel like a vulture," lamented Tim O'Brien '97. "I have to take what I can get."

Fortunately, most students were accommodated this year, except for ten males that had to be placed on a waiting list for housing. The shortage of housing laid in a miscalculation involving a larger than necessary allocation of rooms for females.

Ken Picariello '97, a member of the Psi Upilson fraternity who had

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Campus prepares for Tobin's inauguration

By Naeem Sheikh '96
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Eugene M. Tobin will be formally installed on April 30 as Hamilton College's 18th President. The inauguration wil begin at 11 AM in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House. More than than 40 delegates representing colleges and universities are expected for the event.

According to Tom Brush of the Alumni Center, about 700 invitations were sent out to people off-campus. Of these, 150 were sent out to liberal arts colleges around the country as well as local area colleges. An additional 300 invitations were sent out to people on campus other than students. All students are welcome to attend this event. So far only 200 students have indicated that they will attend, but Brush expects about 400 to show up.

Invited guests include presidents of colleges such as Washington, Union, Hartwick, Middlebury, Colgate, Occidental, Skidmore, Mohawk Valley Community College, and Utica College of Syracuse University; former Hamilton presidents Harry C. Payne (currently president of Williams College) and Martin Caravano; the Trustees of Hamilton College; Mayor of Kirkland and other local officials; Oneida County Executive Officer Raymond Meier; William Randall from the Utica Chamber of Commerce; New York State Assemblyman William Magee; and Emlyn I. Griffith from the Board of Regents of the State of New York.

The weekend celebrations start

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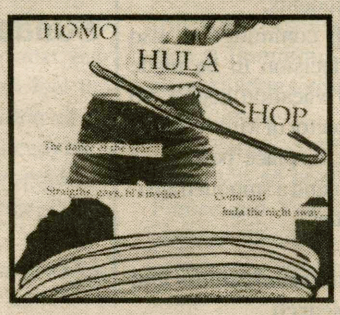

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College guidance counselors from across the nation visit Hamilton

By Bari Altberg '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Last Monday, Hamilton hosted forty high school college guidance counselors from across the nation. They came on a visit to familiarize themselves with the school. This weekend, a second group of counselors, from Dallas, Texas will be visiting, taking part in what is hoped will be a successful effort to recruit more students from under-represented regions of the country. These programs were organized by Hamilton's Worldwide Admission Volunteer Effort (WAVE) program.

On Monday, the counselors' visit to Hamilton began in the Chapel with welcoming speeches from President Eugene Tobin, Dean of Students Jan Coates, and other Administration members. The visitors were then led on a tour of the campus, followed by lunch with faculty members and alumni.

Hamilton has sponsored this program every year in order to bring college guidance counselors from all over the country to the college campus. By doing this, Hamilton hopes to attract quality high school students who are influenced by the recommendations of their guidance counselors.

In addition to the forty counselors who visited last week, six more college guidance counselors from top secondary schools in Dallas are visiting Hamilton this weekend. They are participating on a new program, designed to target guidance counselors from specific areas of the country where Hamilton is less well known.

This prototype program is being funded by Hamilton alumni in Dallas. The alumni feel that Hamilton is currently represented inadequately in northern Texas.

The counselors arrived from Dallas last night and are staying in the homes of Hamilton faculty members. They will have two full days here to attend classes, visit Utica, take a tour of the college campus, meet with other faculty members, and attend President Tobin's inauguration.

Director of WAVE Monique Valcour said that this will be an excellent weekend for the counselors to come since so much is going on. It will give Hamilton a chance to show its campus off to them.

"The Dallas counselor tour program is an exciting new initiative, and one we hope to expand to other regions in the years to come," commented Valcour. This type of program, she said, is pro-active in that the Hamilton alumni are "rolling out the red carpet" for the counselors. All of the efforts stem from a strong alumni commitment to Hamilton.

Valcour also stated, "We expect that the program will have a measurable impact on Hamilton's success in recruiting and enrolling outstanding students from Dallas."

If this program is successful, Hamilton will work in other areas of the country with WAVE committees to try to design future programs that would bring guidance counselors from those regions.

Search committees nearing final decisions in appointments to key posts

By Audrey Weiner '96
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Faculty members and students representing many different segments of the Hamilton community have been busy working on several searches that are currently underway. Presently, the committees are looking at candidates for the open positions of Dean of Faculty, Director of Multicultural Affairs, and Director of Communications and Development. The three committees are at different stages of their searches, and all are looking at extremely qualified and talented applicants.

Dean of Faculty search

The Dean of Faculty Search Committee is made up of Chairperson and Professor of Theater Carol Bellini-Sharp, Professor of Economics Erol Balkan, Professor of Geology, Cynthia Domack, and Professor of English Patricia O'Neill. According to Bellini-Sharp, this is a strong committee that has been working together very well.

More than 140 candidates have applied for the Dean of Faculty position, some of whom have been nominated by another person, and some of whom applied on their own. This large group was narrowed down to sixteen candidates, who the committee met with and interviewed in New York City over Spring Break. Of these sixteen, five of the strongest applicants had telephone interviews with President Eugene Tobin.

Three finalists werethen chosen from this group. During the last week, they have been making campus visits. Each visit lasts two days, and includes extensive interviews and meetings with all the governing faculty committees.

"[The three finalists] are extremely qualified and really interesting people," said Sharp. They are all currently working at other academic institutions. When asked about the job of the Dean of Faculty Search Committee at this time, Bellini-Sharp stated, "I see our job as twofold now. We must help the candidate present him or herself in the best possible way and present Hamilton in its most positive light to the candidate."

The search committee welcomes input from both faculty members and students. All of their views as well as the committee's findings will be passed on to President Tobin, who will make the final selection. This decision is expected to come before the end of the school year, although a specific date has not been set.

Director of Multicultural Affairs search

The search for a new Director of Multicultural Affairs is also making progress. The search committee is made up of Chairperson, Dean of Students Jan Coates, Professor of Philosophy Richard Werner, Director of the Higher Educational Opportunities Program (HEOP) Christine Johnson, and Karen Green, the current Director of Multicultural Affairs. The students on the committee are Jeff Spahn, '95 and Cynthia Mondesir '95. Spahn is a Resident Advisor who has served as an Orientation Coordinator. He is also a member of the Gay Lesbian Student Alliance. Mondesir is a Peer Advisor, the new president of La Vanguardia, and has also been an Orientation Coordinator. The committee members were chosen because of their diverse activities and backgrounds.

The search for the new Director of Multicultural Affairs began in late February when advertisements were placed in various national publications and announcements were made at several academic conferences. Of the 115 applicants who originally applied for the position, ten have been selected as finalists. The committee is currently rereading folders, making phone calls, and checking references. Of the ten finalists, it is expected that three or four will be invited to visit Hamilton within the next ten days. The campus visits are expected to be a vigorous process, according to Karen Green. "The candidates will spend time with staff, faculty, and certainly students," she said.

Green emphasized the importance of these interactions with members of the Hamilton community. She stressed that the candidate to be chosen should be willing to extend his or her programs to reach all students, not limiting it to just multicultural students.

The search committee is also aiming for a decision to be made before summer vacation begins, so that the new Director of Multicultural Affairs will be in place before the new school year and a smooth transition can be made.

Director of Communications and Development search

The search for a new Director of Communications and Development is also progressing, but is not as far along as the other searches. President Tobin is the committee chairperson. The rest of the committee is made up of six members of the Board of Trustees.

Korn/Ferry International, a consulting firm, was hired to direct this search. After analyzing Hamilton's needs in Communications and Development, the firm began searching for appropriate candidates. Three weeks ago, Tobin and a search consultant conducted interviews in Boston. Several of these candidates are being pursued, but the committee is still several weeks away from making a decision, according to Tobin. More interviews are expected to take place within the next few weeks.

Tobin said that the committee is looking for someone who is experienced in fundraising, appreciates the role of development at a liberal arts college, and will integrate communication and development as a part of fundraising. "[The candidate] should be an articulate and persuasive representative of the college," he commented.

News from other Ivory Towers

—Compiled by Chris Marcisz '97

Payne officially inducted as Williams College 14th President

The Key and Charter of Williams College was officially passed from former College President Francis C. Oakley to incoming President Harry C. Payne. The ceremony took place on Friday, April 8, and was attended by Williams students, alumni, trustees, and delegates from other academic institutions including Oxford, Princeton, and Dartmouth. The overall atmosphere of the event wass described as "light-hearted." (The Williams Record)

Swastikas appear at Colby College

During the first week of April, four swastikas appeared at Colby. One of the swastikas was inscribed on the office door of a Jewish Professor of Classics. The professor commented, "When a symbol shows up on your door like this, it makes you feel very lonely. It may be general, but when you are targeted like this you feel you are facing a great menace. I am grateful for the support I have received." To combat these outbreaks, campus security has stepped up its patrols around campus. Students also organized a rally against the outbreak on April 15. (The Colby Echo)

Oberlin requests Asian-American and Latino advisers to help minorities

A proposal to create advisory positions for Asian-American and Latino students was presented to the General Faculty Council at Oberlin College. The program is designed to improve services offered to minorities. (The Oberlin Review)

Administrator and Greek leaders meet at Colgate in effort to repair relations

University administrators and leaders of several Greek-letter societies at Colgate University met in an effort to repair their relations. The meeting produced a revision of the meal plan for society members, a system of financial assistance for the houses, and services to help them manage their finances, programs, and physical plants. (The Colgate Maroon-News)

Barry Williams speaks at Colgate

Actor Barry Williams addressed the Colgate community in their chapel on April 19. He is best known for his role as Greg Brady on *The Brady Bunch*. Williams lecture dealt with show business and was entitled "Growing Up Brady: I was a Teenage Greg." (The Colgate Maroon-News)

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Student Assembly considers oral-intensive requirement

By Molly Soule '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Last semester, when the Student Assembly's Committee on Academic Excellence brainstormed on ways to add new dimensions and rigor to academics at Hamilton, members brought up the idea of an oral- intensive requirement. Originally, Committee members aimed at creating a public speaking requirement integrated into a First-Year Seminar. Insufficient funds in conjunction with the lack of professor resources, made the creation of such a course unfeasible.

One of the subcommittees of the Committe on Academic Excellence focuses primarily on making the idea of an oral-intensive requirement a reality. Patrick Kenny ' 95 heads the program while Andrew Edelson, President of the class of '97, dedicated time and effort to the Committee.

The oral-intensive requirement is modeled after the already established writing-intensive requirement. According to the Committee's proposal, the ability to present and defend an argument, master the mechanisms for thematic development and write clearly can not be done solely through written skills. Moreover, the proposal is supported by the results from the Residential Life Survey. The proposal states that "At least 85 percent of the student body believes that raising self-confidence, improving social and communication skills, developing leadership skills, learning survival skills for the real world, and becoming more assertive are very important. A speaking requirement will help students reach each of these goals."

In addition, the proposal reminds the community that in the past, Hamilton students were required to take four years of public speaking, where they learned to develop and support arguments, and persuade others orally. Although the aims and goals of an oral-intensive requirement are positive, many students believe that another requirement would add more stress and complexity to the life of Hamilton student. Already students must fulfill requirements including cultural diversity, ethical issues, knowledge of others and three writing-intensive courses.

Concerning the issue of too many requirements, Edelson replies "Although an individual at Hamilton can survive without such a requirement, heads of corporations got where they are today through clearly voicing their opinions and communicating their ideas effectively." In addition, many alumni believe that they owe a significant portion of their success to the former speaking requirement. Student reactions regarding the possible requirement are mixed. While some think that such a requirement is needed, others believe that it is unnecessary.

The Committee drew up a proposal that was reviewed by both the Dean of the Faculty and Dean of Students, as well as other professors. The proposal is not fixed. In fact, Committee members are constantly modifying, correcting and altering the proposal. "We want it to be as pristine and coherent as possible" stated Edelson.

The proposal outlines the basic guidelines for an oral-intensive course. The requirement will utilize courses currently offered and will integrate verbal presentations and arguments in various academic areas. Any course is eligible to become an oral-intensive course if oral presentations in it constitute no less than 40% of the final grade. The presentations may be in the form of formal or informal debates, or a student lecture. An oral-intensive course requires a minimum of five minutes for each presentation.

The proposal also states that the instructor of the course must critique each oral presentation. Each instructor must pay close attention to its introduction, development of themes, creativity, ingenuity, enthusiam and confidence of speech, postur, and control of the argument. The instructor must provide opportunities for revisions. Class size stands at twenty students unless the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) recommends either a larger or smaller enrollment size. A course that fails to meet the stated criteria may be declared an oral-intensive course through a petition. To fulfill the oral requirements, a minimum of two oral-intensive courses must be completed by each student.

Committee members plan on implementing the requirement slowly. After approval of the proposal, courses will consequently be evaluated by the CAP. The CAP will select those courses that fit the oral-intensive needs. Incoming First-Years will be encouraged to participate in a minimum of one oral-intensive course. After two semesters, the requirement of an Oral-Intensive course for incoming First-Year students will be enacted. The following year the requirement will be increased to the complete requirement of two oral-intensive courses.

Students submit petition in protest of $900 per semester study abroad fee

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popular Williams Mystic Seaport Program.

Tobin said the new fee will make Hamilton's study abroad policy similar to those of other small colleges around the nation. He pointed out that Middlebury College, which has long been noted for the number of its students participating in study abroad programs, has a policy much like the one Hamilton plans to implement.

Hamilton's fee will stop short of the policies of some colleges where students are assessed full tuition in addition to the cost of study abroad programs. Tobin stated that implementing the $900 per semester fee now will make such a policy unnecessary in the future at Hamilton.

Petition submitted

Concerned by the sudden announcement of the study abroad fee, five students, Tabitha Bowling, Fred Bush, Maureen Flynn, Wendy Phillips, and Eric Ritvo, from the Class of 1996, recently circulated a petition protesting its implementation and presented it to the College administration. The petition, which contained more than six hundred students' signatures, called for the reduction of the fee to $200 per semester and delaying its implementation until the beginning of the 1995-1996 academic year.

In a Wednesday morning meeting with President Tobin, the five students outlined their concerns as stated in the petition. Among them is the belief that $900 per semester is too high, particularly coming on the heels of the 5.3 percent increase in school tuition set for next year. The petition signers also feel that the sudden implementation of the fee is unfair to students already committed to study abroad programs for next semester who had not planned to pay the extra money.

Fred Bush, who is also a Class of 1996 Representative, said that he and the other sponsors of the petition will be calling several small, liberal arts colleges in days to come to find out their policies regarding study abroad. He questioned the need for further revenue enhancement at Hamilton at a time when tuition is set to increase. Bush estimated that study abroad fee will raise more than $250,000 annually.

Fears of fewer abroad students

Addressing fears that the fee will reduce the number of Hamilton students studying abroad, Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson said, "I think in many cases, it will still be less expensive to study abroad than at Hamilton." Many programs charge tuition significantly lower than Hamilton's.

Thompson said Hamilton's two study abroad programs, the Year in France and Year in Spain are very popular. The school is currently considering the creation of several additional programs in other countries.

News Briefs

Assistant to the President leaves Hamilton

The Assistant to the President, Pat Zurakowski, recently left her job at Hamilton College. The announcement of her departure came in a letter sent this week by President Eugene Tobin to the College community. Zurakowski had worked at Hamilton for more than a decade, serving as a secretary before later becoming Assistant to the President. She had served under the leadership of three presidents of the College.

President Tobin declined comment on Zurakowski's departure other than to say, "The college does not discuss personnel matters involving its employees."

The Assistant to the President works in a variety of capacities, serving as a liaison between the president and the Board of Trustees, as an affirmative action officer for the institution, and as a representative of the President to a number of constituencies. In his letter to the community, Tobin stated that he will review the responsibilities of the Assistant to the President. He also expressed his hope that a replacement for Zurakowski can be appointed before the end of this semester.

Former Quayle chief of staff to give lecture on "The End of Liberalism"

William Kristol, chief of staff for former Vice President Dan Quayle, will present a lecture, "The End of Liberalism," at Hamilton College on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Kristol was chief of staff to William Bennett when Bennett was secretary of education and became Quayle's chief of staff in 1989. Presently the director of the Bradley Project of the 90's, a conservative think tank, he has been the subject of recent feature articles in *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*.

According to *The Times*, Kristol is "a conservative strategist trying to chart the movement's future." He told *The Times* that liberalism pervades the key institutions of American society—including all branches of the federal government, Hollywood and the media, and the country's leading educational and cultural institutions. Yet, despite its apparent success, Kristol says, "Liberalism is in a way very weak, it's very hollow. It's lost its force, its real conviction, its real confidence in itself."

Kristol earned his bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. He has taught political science and public policy at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

In "Liberalism's Long Goodbye," an article in *The Wall Street Journal* last September, Kristol wrote, "Despite the mounds of writing and beehives of activity ... liberalism is in a deep crisis. All the churning at the periphery conceals the hollowness at the core."

Kristol's lecture is sponsored by the Conservative Club at Hamilton and is free and open to the public.

Observance of founding of Hamilton - Oneida Academy to conclude on May 6

The year-long observance commerating the founding 200 years ago of the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, forerunner of Hamilton College, will officially conclude at Class and Charter Day Convocation on Friday, May 6, in the Chapel.

Richard W. Couper, a direct descendant of a Hamilton-Oneida Academy graduate, will deliver the convocation address at the 11:15 AM. ceremony that traditionally marks the ends of the college's academic year. The title for Couper's talk is "Federalism, A 50th, and Hamilton-Oneida."

Officials at the college also plan to honor the late Richard Chrisjohn (SA GO WIHE), a former chief on the Grand Council of the Houdenosauneeof the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy.

In addition to the talk by Couper and the tribute to Chrisjohn, the convocation will feature the presentation of student and faculty awards, including the Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award.

Hamilton's Class and Charter Day Convocation is open to the public.

Hamilton College Orchestra to perform

The Hamilton College Orchestra, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music E. Michael Richards, will perform a concert on Saturday, April 30, at 8:00 p.m. in Wellin Hall of the Schambach Center.

Janet Weaver '94 will be the viola soloist in Max Bruch's "Romance," and John Wedding '94 will be the trumpet soloist in Charles Ives' "The Unanswered Question."

The Hamilton College Orchestra has undertaken three concert tours within the last seven years, in addition to numerous concerts on campus. The group was invited by the governments of Bulgaria and Romania to tour those countries for 14 days during January 1988. The trip was partially sponsored by Friendship Ambassadors Association of Montclair, NJ. The orchestra has also performed with internationally renowned bassist Bertram Turetzky, and virtuoso performer of the koto, Nanae Yoshimura. Five new works have been commissioned and/or premiered by the orchestra since 1987.

Richards has directed the orchestra since 1984. He is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, holds master's degrees from Yale University and Smith College, and a Ph.D. from the University of California in San Diego.

Including works by Tschaikowsky, Wagner, Ravel, Bruch, and Ives, the concert is free and open to the public.

Stage set for weekend inauguration festivities

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tonight with three Inaugural Balls at 8:00 PM for members of the Hamilton community and invited guests. They will feature "Target" in the Alumni Gym, Monk Rowe and Pulse in Dwight Lounge of the Bristol Campus Center, and the Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble in the Filius Events Barn. Also on Friday night, there will be one-act theatre productions at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the Kirkland Dorm Loft.

The Inauguration Convocation will start on Saturday, April 30, at 11 AM in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House. The event will kick off with a processional led by the Mohawk Valley Frasers — a bagpipe playing group consisting of fifteen members. This will be followed by a special fanfare, composed especially for the event by music professor Samuel Pellman, and performed by the Hamilton College Brass Choir and the College Choir.

After the gathering is called to order by Carole A. Bellini-Sharp, the College Marshall, the welcoming greetings and remarks will be delivered by J. Carter Bacot '55, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

This will be followed by greetings from representatives of the students, alumni and faculty. Speakers include Sarah D. Gee '94, former president of Student Assembly; Susan Skerritt, a 1977 graduate of Kirkland College and Alumni Association president; and acting Dean of Faculty and Music Professor G. Roberts Kolb.

Tobin will be inducted as the 18th President of Hamilton by J. Carter Bacot. Tobin will receive, as symbols of his office, the original Hamilton College Charter, granted in 1812, and the Presidential Chain, a gift from the Class of 1968 and worn during formal ceremonies.

Tobin will then be presented with a honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Student Assembly president McLloyd O. Onwubere '95. The ceremony will conclude with Tobin's inaugural address entitled "The Reformer as President: Some Historical Reflections."

At the end of the hour long inauguration ceremony, there will be a community luncheon in the Field House at noon. The dining halls will be closed during that time and all community members are invited to the luncheon. "Why should all the dining halls be closed? I wonder if it's a trick to get all of us to attend," remarked a student who asked to remain anonymous.

"As much as the inauguration will celebrate the vision of excellence that Gene Tobin has for Hamilton, we are revelling equally in the distinguished history of a great college," said Kolb, who served as Inauguration Committee chairman. Other members of the committee included Professor Carole Bellini-Sharp, acting vice-president of Communications and Development Dean Abelon, Sarah Gee '94, McLloyd Onwubere '95, assistant director of Financial Aid Louise Peckingham, director of College public relations Michael Debraggio, and Hallmark and Physical Plant staff.

"Everything has gone smoothly," said Brush regarding the organization of the inauguration. He said that the only noticeable difference between this inauguration and Harry Payne's inauguration is that this time there are more delegates from other colleges — about 45 of them. Brush remarked, " We have a pretty representative group of delegates — from Occidental College in California to Mohawk Valley Community College in the local area."

Tobin was appointed president on December 4, 1993, following an extensive national search. He had served the previous five months as acting president after Harry C. Payne was named to Williams College. Tobin served as Hamilton's dean of the faculty from 1988 to 1993 and has been a member of the history department faculty since 1980. He continues to teach a seminar in 20th century American history.

Student Assembly Corner

Oral intensive requirement debated

By Rusty Smith '95
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At the Monday evening meeting of the Central Council of the Student Assembly, issues addressed included a proposed oral intensive requirement, the revisions to the Judicial Board Constitution, the Snowboarding Club, and Central Council-Campus Organization conflicts of interest.

Assembly members debated the proposal presented by the Committee on Academic Excellence concerning a new oral-intensive course requirement. The proposal cites the Hamilton Course Catalog which states that, "...the College expects its students to attain a satisfactory level of achievement in written, oral, and quantitative work." Currently, the College fulfills a portion of this goal by requiring students to take writing intensive courses. Proponents of the requirement say this goal is not met in regard to oral communication.

On other matters, the Central Council voted to defer on the recognition of The Hamilton Snowboarding Club until next semester. Assembly members also debated what should be expected of their members who have a conflict of interest between the Assembly and a campus organization which is being discussed.

In the past, members have been asked to leave the assembly room if they had a conflict of interest, but the council decided to allow students the choice to leave the room or remain, regardless of conflict.

Finally, the Election Committee announced that Student Assembly elections for the next academic year will be on Thursday, May 6. Petitions and platforms are due on Monday, May 2. Students with questions should call the Committee at 859-1552.

Some students put on waiting list due to housing shortage at lottery

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wanted to live in the house next year, complained about the limited choices of residence hall housing he had as he waited to be called near the end of the lottery.

"The housing crisis right now wouldn't have happened if [the administration] didn't drill the fraternities," he said.

Despite the mishap, Reed feels that these students are "in pretty good shape." The likelihood of some students being unexpectedly separated from the school is very high, in which case, the ten students on the waiting list would fill the empty rooms. According to Obermeyer, there is a good possibility that the students who leave will be upperclassmen, who are likely to vacate choice housing.

Reed said it is very likely that the situation of these ten students will be settled sometime this spring. At the very latest, she expects the situation will be cleared by the end of the summer.

In light of the apparent shortage of housing for students living on campus this year, many have raised the question as to whether or not the highly controversial off-campus lottery was mishandled. Reed emphasized that the situation is solely the result of minor discrepancies, and that the off-campus lottery was handled properly.

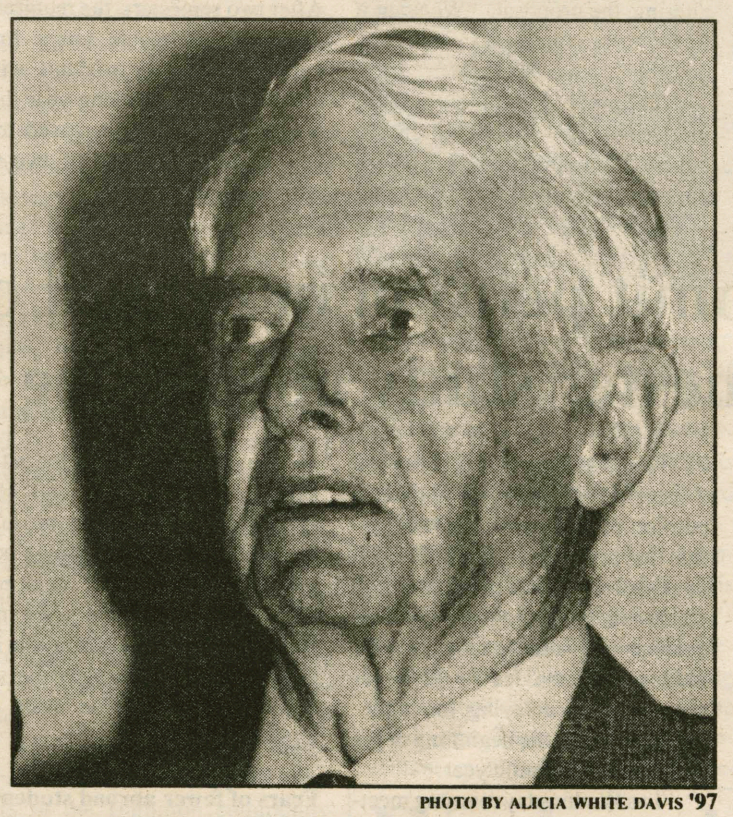
She noted that the projections for this year's lottery worked out almost perfectly in regard to the number of students living in off campus housing. Reed said that an estimated 1,670 students will attend Hamilton next year, and that the school has room to house 1,450 of them. As a result, the number of students allowed to live off-campus was determined to be 220. Much of the controversy stems from the fact that the selection was done on a seniority basis, which meant that many sophomores, who traditionally have lived in fraternity houses, were not allowed to live off campus.

Reed defended the school's policy on this issue, stating that Hamilton is a residential college, and that students are supposed to come planning on living here. As a result, living off campus is assumed to be the exception and not the rule. She also noted that for every space not filled, the school gives up money it can ill afford to loose.

Obermeyer indicated that the housing lottery usually changes slightly from year to year. Although this year's lottery is generally considered to have gone well, there are still a few things that can be improved, he said.

Obermeyer pointed out that the process might be improved by having more up-to-date information available, especially towards the final stage of the procedure. Reed feels that a useful improvement would be to help set up upperclassmen with roommates, as she said that many singles are taken by students who would rather have roommates but could not find any for a number of reasons.

Obermeyer, reflecting on the lottery, told of a joke among the Residential Life Staff that alludes to the fact that objectively, Hamilton has very good residential facilities. "All housing is good housing," he said.



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David Brower spoke on the world's deteriorating environment Wednesday night in the Chapel. Brower is a prominent environmentalist and founder of the Sierra Club.

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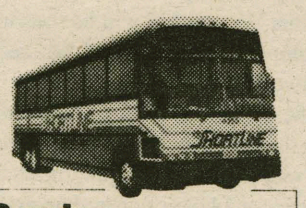

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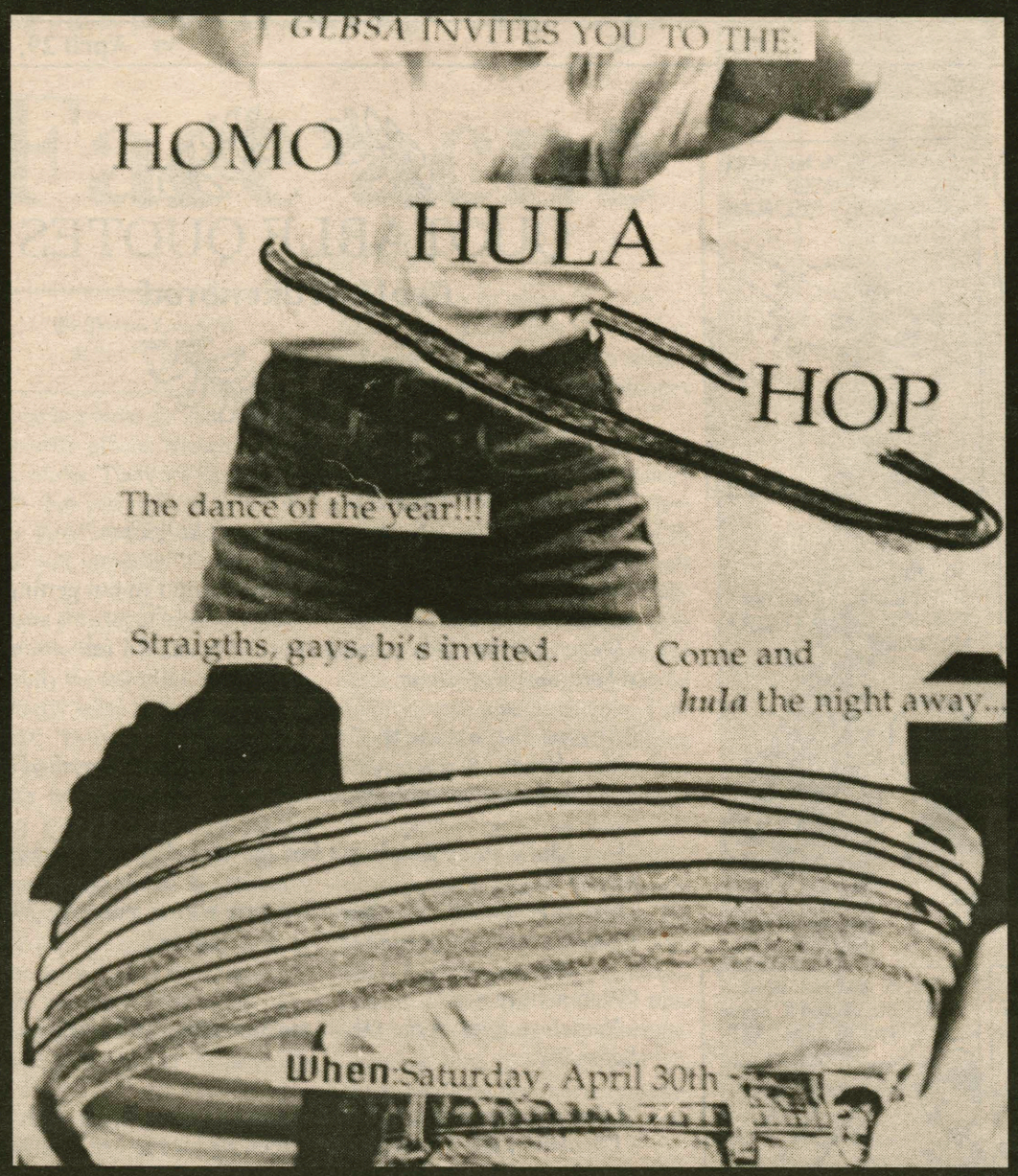

La Vanguardia celebrates in style

By Meghan Blackburn '96
FEATURES STAFF WRITER

"I feel that after our anniversary weekend we have a closer relationship between the alums and the studentsas well as a closer community," reflected La Vanguardia's President Jen Lotufo '96 after the organization's tenth anniversary celebration last weekend. The weekend's events included a brunch and dinner for Hamilton students and alumni, and salsa/merengue dancing Saturday night in the Beinecke event's barn with the band Antonetti.

According to Lotufo, the weekend was a success. During the alumni dinner and brunch, students discussed networking and the need for a stronger support group for members of La Vanguardia both on and off the campus. The salsa/merengue dance, which was the second sponsored by La Vanguardia this year, was very well attended. The Barn was packed and everyone was moving to the music.

Ten years ago La Vanguardia was started for the purposes of educating students about Latino issues, raising Latino awareness, and creating an open forum for the campus to discuss issues of discrimination in the community. Today the group is doing better than ever and has over 20 regular members.

La Vanguardia dates as far back as 1982, when Larry Arias and Dan Garcia separated from the Black Latin Student Union because they felt that the Latino community was not being taken seriously enough. It was at that time that the BLSU rewrote its constitution and included in it a position for a Latin Cultural Representative. Soon after, Dan Garcia became the first Latin Cultural Minister.

Last weekend's celebration however, was actually commemorating the separation of the Latino students from the union of the ALCC in 1984. The next year, after still more debate, it was decided that although the Afro-Latin Cultural Center was home to both African American and Latino students, the Latino students wanted a space of their own. It was then that Tom Marvel '85 gave La Vanguardia its name, a constitution was written, and it was approved by the school as an organization.

La Vanguardia has been a large and prospering group on campus ever since it was created. This year there are more people involved and attending meetings than ever before. Perhaps the success of the group is due to the leadership of La Vanguardia's officers: President Jen Lotufo '96, Vice President Ivelisse Pimentel '94, Secretary Cynthia Mondesir '95, Trea-

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Flamingos flock to festivities

By Emily Valle '96
FEATURES CO-EDITOR

A multitude of colors dotted Hamilton's pristine grounds this week—pink flamingos, pink triangles, blue and green and purple chalk-ridden sidewalks, neon banners—as many colors, in fact, as those in the rainbow flag that members of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Alliance proudly marched through the dining halls at noon on Monday. One prospective student, after reading the awkwardly chalked slogan "we're back. . . and we're here to stay" seemed afraid of encountering a poltergeist, but he was quickly reassured that he had little to fear from the signs of a celebration.

In what has become an annual tradition, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Alliance (GLBSA) set aside this week to officially celebrate their sexuality. The organization also sponsored multiple opportunities for the campus to learn about gay issues and participate in the fun. The schedule of events included the Rainbow Pride Parade, a poetry reading and discussion with prominent Latina lesbian poet Cherrie Moranga, a series of Lesbian films, and the Keynote lecture by prominent gay activist Michelangelo Signorile, author of the book *Queer in America*. The weekend promises two gay films, a dance party in the Events Barn, and a touch football game entitled "The Fruit Bowl" followed by a picnic on Minor Field.

GLBSA member Tyrone Nichols '94 said he was pleased with the tone of the week so far, " There's been a fairly good turnout for the events, especially Cherry Moranga. I've seen some new faces as well, which is encouraging."

Perhaps the most provocative move the GLBSA members made to combat homophobia and announce their presence was to chalk statements across campus such as "We're here and we're queer," " what if your mother is a lesbian; what if your father is gay" and a plea to the admissions office to recruit gay students.

Although the majority of students interviewed for this article said they remained impartial to the slogans, several said they were offended by blatant statements about homosexuality. One first year female, who wished to remain anonymous, commented " I don't think they have a right to write things like that about my mother and father when they don't even know them. . . it just makes me feel more hostile towards homosexuals."

James Serhant '95 commented, " I feel like [the GLBSA] does too much just for shock value. I also think that the week is mis-named: it should be celebrate homosexuality week- not celebrate sexuality week."

Nichols acknowledged the fact that the GLBSA is often viewed as an intimidating presence because of the organization's strong political stance. But despite the antagonism that often accompanies the expression of values that are considered against the norm, Nichols says he is not totally discouraged with the campus attitude toward homosexuality, " It depends who you talk to, of course. There are a lot of really open people here, but there are always those who are not as understanding." He said he thinks Hamilton falls in the "middle of the road"- neither overwhelmingly conservative or liberal- in its attitude toward homosexuality, and that the institution retains an "average to behind" number of homosexuals who are "out." He noted that this is not a week in which people tend to reveal their homosexuality, but he is encouraged by the continuing success of the support group PRIDE.

Does Nichols foresee a homophobia-free future? "I have continuing hope for the future of organizations such as the GLBSA and PRIDE, but it is bound to be a slow process."

Wandering in and out of the week's various activities, this writer noticed strings of students hanging out quietly on the fringe of the group, "just watching", neither hostile nor completely willing to participate. Certainly we have not witnessed the protests that accompanied Celebrate Sexuality Weekend in 1992.

Nichols commented, "It is interesting to hear people who were upset four years ago actually thanking me. I think that by senior year people usually have a handle on things because they understand more. That makes me feel good." If knowledge of others is the antidote to fear of them, there is no claiming ignorance after this week.

Thanks to project, Women speak

By Emily Valle '96
FEATURES CO-EDITOR

Hamilton: sheltered haven or provincial hell for women? Posters for a forum on this topic drew an unusually large number of men and women to the red pit on Tuesday night to share the results of a study conducted by Manena Bishop '94 and Vanessa Woog '94.

Prompted in part by separate class assignments but driven to a large degree by their interest in women's issues, Bishop and Woog produced a video featuring the testimony of twenty Hamilton women. First-year's, sophomores, juniors and seniors of all ethnicities related specific incidents in which they bore the brunt of class, race or gender distinctions. Although Bishop and Woog said they had hoped for positive feedback from the letter they sent to the community at large asking women to share their experiences, twenty-nine out of the thirty- one responses were negative.

According to Bishop, the project arose out of the silence that typically surrounds sensitive campus issues. She said, "Sitting around in Beinecke Village one day, we started telling stories about disturbing encounters that we and our friends have had here. We began to wonder if they were just particular occurances or representative of what many women go through."

In the discussion following the video, it became clear that Bishop and Woog had targeted an issue of great concern. One woman said, " It is hard to come forward with something negative at this school because there is very little precedent for it. Sometimes it is easier to remain silent than pay the consequences of speaking." Bishop and Woog noted that one half of the women in the video decided to remain anonymous because they feared public exposure.

Although there were as many different grievances expressed as there were women in the video, most of the incidents appeared to have been provoked by ignorance on the part of peers and professors, both male and female. The discussion centered around ways to bridge differences in perspective. Suggestions included long- range revolutionary changes in administrative policy (especially admissions) and ways in which students could share the "burden of responsibility" for their education by choosing course material and demanding that more

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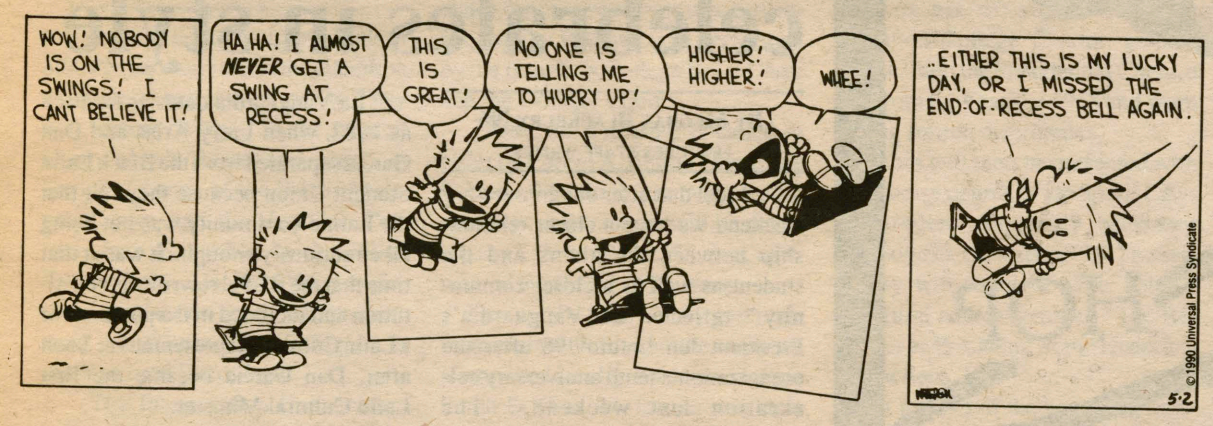
Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson


WOW! NOBODY IS ON THE SWINGS! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HA HA! I ALMOST NEVER GET A SWING AT RECESS!
THIS IS GREAT!
NO ONE IS TELLING ME TO HURRY UP!
HIGHER! HIGHER!
WHEE!
..EITHER THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY, OR I MISSED THE END-OF-RECESS BELL AGAIN.
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HEY CALVIN, DIDN'T YOU SIGN UP TO PLAY BASEBALL AT RECESS?
NO, WHY?
YOU MUST BE THE ONLY BOY WHO DIDN'T. ALL THE OTHERS ARE PLAYING IN THE BACK FIELDS.
YOU MEAN I'M THE ONLY BOY ON A PLAYGROUND FULL OF GIRLS?!
IT SURE LOOKS LIKE IT. WANT TO RIDE ON THE TEETER-TOTTER WITH ME?
OH NO! I'M IN COOTIE CENTRAL! I HAVEN'T HAD MY SHOTS!
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WHY DIDN'T YOU SIGN UP TO PLAY BASEBALL LIKE THE REST OF THE BOYS? DON'T YOU LIKE SPORTS?
I DUNNO. I'D JUST RATHER RUN AROUND.
I HATE ALL THE RULES AND ORGANIZATION AND TEAMS AND RANKS IN SPORTS.
SOMEBODY'S ALWAYS YELLING AT YOU, TELLING YOU WHERE TO BE, WHAT TO DO, AND WHEN TO DO IT.
I FIGURE WHEN I WANT THAT, I'LL JOIN THE ARMY AND AT LEAST GET PAID.
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Hey, lookit the sissy who didn't sign up for recess baseball!
I'M NOT A SISSY!
Oh yeah? You'd rather play dolls on the playground with girls.
I WASN'T PLAYING WITH DOLLS!
Sure you weren't! Let me see your Barbie doll, you sissy wimp!
I'M NOT A WIMP! IN FACT, I WAS GOING TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR BASEBALL RIGHT NOW!
THEN AGAIN, IF I'M NOT A WIMP, WHY AM I TAKING THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE?
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I SIGNED UP TO PLAY BASEBALL EVERY RECESS, AND I DON'T EVEN LIKE BASEBALL THAT MUCH.
I MEAN, IT'S FUN PLAYING BASEBALL WITH JUST YOU, BECAUSE WE BOTH GET TO PITCH, BAT, RUN AND CATCH ALL AT ONCE. WE GET TO DO EVERYTHING.
MOSTLY WE JUST ARGUE OVER THE RULES WE MAKE UP! THAT'S THE PART I LIKE!
BUT THIS WILL BE WITH TEAMS AND ASSIGNED POSITIONS AND AN UMPIRE! IT'S BORING PLAYING IT THE REAL WAY!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO PLAY THE REAL WAY?
SEE, THAT'S ANOTHER PROBLEM! SUPPOSE THEY MAKE ME A HALFBACK. CAN I TACKLE THE SHORTSTOP OR NOT?
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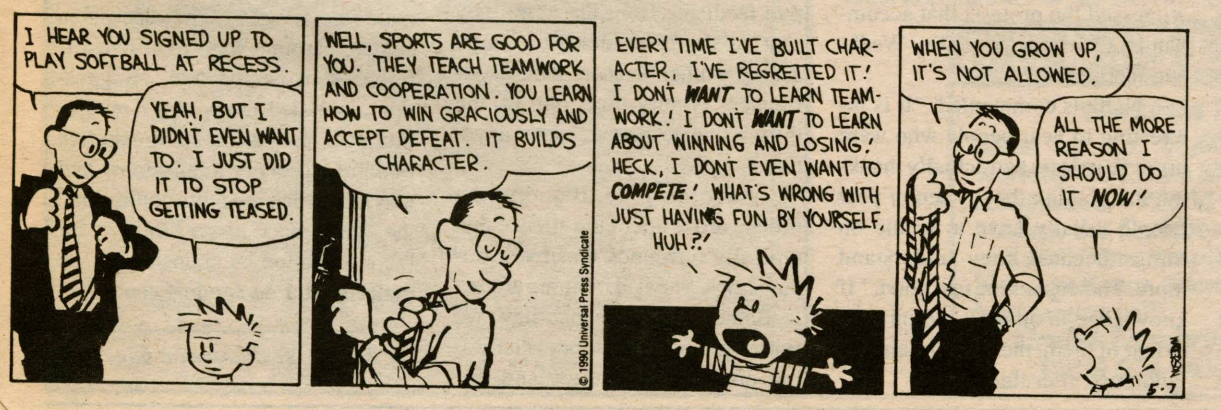
I HEAR YOU SIGNED UP TO PLAY SOFTBALL AT RECESS.
YEAH, BUT I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO. I JUST DID IT TO STOP GETTING TEASED.
WELL, SPORTS ARE GOOD FOR YOU. THEY TEACH TEAMWORK AND COOPERATION. YOU LEARN HOW TO WIN GRACIOUSLY AND ACCEPT DEFEAT. IT BUILDS CHARACTER.
EVERY TIME I'VE BUILT CHARACTER, I'VE REGRETTED IT! I DON'T WANT TO LEARN TEAMWORK! I DON'T WANT TO LEARN ABOUT WINNING AND LOSING! HECK, I DON'T EVEN WANT TO COMPETE! WHAT'S WRONG WITH JUST HAVING FUN BY YOURSELF, HUH?!
WHEN YOU GROW UP, IT'S NOT ALLOWED.
ALL THE MORE REASON I SHOULD DO IT NOW!
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QUOTABLE QUOTES

Geoff Trukenbrod

"I've never seen one that big before."
-Sarah McNeilly '96 supposedly on an old "flame."

"My sex couldn't be any safer, considering I'm not getting any."
-Trevor Nardini '94 on being coerced by his RA into attending a Safer Sex workshop.

"Anyone else want to try."
-Kara Hrubi '96 after a fellow peer advisor had unrolled a condom onto a wooden phallus. It's all yours...babe.

"I wonder if more people get laid during celebrate sexuality week?"
-Joseph Phaluf '97. Yeah and I'm sure with a mentality like that, that you're one of them.

"Wanna have sex?"
- Nameless actor in the Oh so realistic Peer Advising film on Safer Sex.

"I don't discriminate, I give it to everyone."
- Elizabeth Fisk '96 on sharing. Well its nice to see that you are unbiased in your altruism.

"I'm only doing it because my cheeks are hot."
- Bonnie Reiber '97 while pressing a glass of water against her skin. Just where were you pressing this glass of water?

"No really, I love the fact that my tuition dollars are paying for five old men to smoke cigarettes, eat donuts and give me parking tickets."
- William Ross IV '97 on an undeniable feeling of campus safety.

"He must have been crapping turds at the funeral...thinking this will be me in a year."
- Noted conservative Hunter Chamberlin '95 on former President Ronald Reagan's thoughts while attending Richard Nixon's funeral.

"Why is it that when I see them the first word that comes to mind is melanoma."
- Anonymous sophomore female yet again on Hamilton's finest.

"Is it just me or is putting a bronze map on the ground next to a muddy road just a little problematic."
- Roberta Jacobson '96 on another example of Hamilton's sound financial practices.

"I knew the flamingos were gay...but what about the fish."
-Dama Meinsma '95. You just keep thinking those important thoughts.

"Is he going to paint the ceiling or something.."
-Anonymous Sophomore male on hearing that Michaelangelo Signorelli was speaking in the chapel. You have got to be kidding me!

"You have to prove yourself as a beligerent drunk."
- Carl Greenhous '95 on the induction requirements of the Nous Onze.

"No really, I love it when you shake the recyclables at this hour."
- Robert Langells '95 to Rip, a.k.a. Sarge, the Babbitt Super-janitor at a pre-reville" changing of the cans.

"It's my pie, I can do what I want with it."
- Pepper Johnson '96 on her pie at McEwen. Cherry?

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Only skin deep
Face acne

By Diann Lynnch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

Acne is a common skin problem that usually affects teenagers and young adults. There are many medications that can make it better, although there is no actual cure. Most people will out grow it as they get older.

There are a lot of misconceptions about what causes acne. Hopefully,the following information will clarify some of these.

MYTH: Only teenagers get acne, and they eventually outgrow it.

FACT: Some adults have acne, although it is most common among teenagers. Acne is not a sign of maturation like breast development in girls, or beard growth in boys. Rather, acne is a disease that some do not "outgrow." As far as we know, teenage and adult acne is the same disease, and dermatologists treat acne the same way whether the patient is 15 or 25.

MYTH: A single pimple is the first sign of acne.

FACT: A single pimple is not necessarily acne. It could be a sign of irritation. For example, if the pimple appears on your chin, you may have irritated your chin by rubbing it against your shirt collar. Breaking out after eating certain foods may be due to an allergy to those foods, rather than acne. Some women and teenage girls with nice complexions get a pimple or two when their hormones change with the menstrual cycle. What looks like a pimple may actually be a skin infection caused by bacteria such as staphylococes. If a single pimple turns into many, it is probably acne.

MYTH: Scrubbing hard and using chemicals to dry out the skin will get rid of acne.

FACT: No matter how hard you scrub, you cannot scrub away acne, because it develops under the surface of the skin. No matter how much an over-the-counter product stings, it will not burn away acne. These treatments will not make the glands stop producing oils. Although regular washing is important, do not cleanse too rigorously. You may break the skin, which will lead to new eruptions. Instead, you can actually make your skin worse by scrubbing it too hard and using damaging chemicals.

MYTH: Certain foods, like chocolate, nuts, and colas cause acne.

FACT: There is no strong evidence that any particular foods cause acne. Some studies have been done in foods and acne, but the results are contradictory. However, food and nutrition research is a relatively new field, and future studies might turn up solid proof that certain foods influence acne. Right now, do not feel that you must avoid any particular foods to prevent acne or make it better — unless you know that you always break out after eating certain things.

MYTH: Acne is caused by hormones or being "oversexed."

FACT: Sex — too much of it, lack of it,and particularly sexual practices — does not cause acne. But hormones appear to play some role in development of acne. Acne does not occur until the oil glands start making oil, which is a hormone—controlled process. Too much of the male hormones (androgens) may be involved with acne development, although the exact connection between androgens and acne is not clear at this time. Female hormones that control the menstrual cycle also may be responsible for worsening skin at certain times of the month. Women who take birth control pills, which are hormones, may have trouble with acne. Another possibility, as yet unproved, is that the release of hormones at a young age may somehow stimulate acne. Do not panic if you have acne. This does not necessarily mean that you have a hormone problem.

MYTH: Pimples should be popped.

FACT: It is generally not a good idea to pick at pimples. You can make your skin worse if you break the surface. But some people just cannot resist. If a pimple has already come to the surface of the skin, the contents are probably ready to come out. In this case, pricking the pimple with your finger won't do any damage. If it takes more than a flick of the finger across the top of the skin to pop the pimple, stop. You can do more harm than good.

MYTH: Over-the-counter products are worthless.

FACT: Acne products sold in the drug store may help to dry out acne after it has erupted. Other products may help prevent skin infections. Although any of these products may speed healing, they cannot cure acne because they do not treat the cause of the condition.

MYTH: Acne cannot be cured.

FACT: Doctors can now control most cases of acne because they understand its cause: accumulation of cells and oils in pockets under the skin. A doctor can prescribe medication that you cannot buy over the counter. In severe cases, Accutane has eliminated acne and kept the skin clear for five years or more. This is a strong drug with side effects and is only available with a prescription. Less severe cases — both in adults and adolescents — clear well with a prescription cream called Retin-A. A pleasant side effect of Retin-A is healthier looking skin; it has a blush and fullness. You should ask your dermatologist if you are a good candidate for any of these medications.

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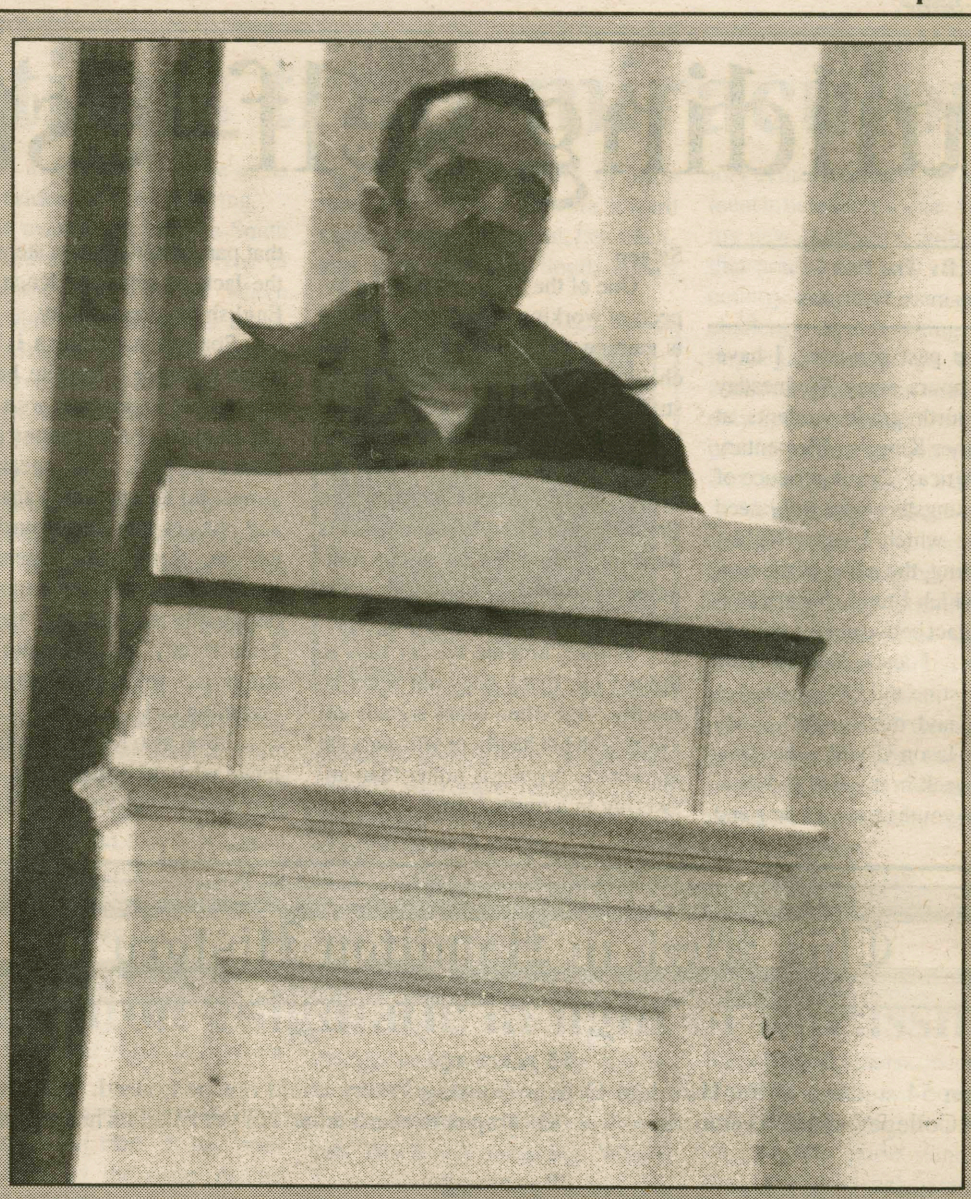

Michelangelo Signorile, was the keynote speaker for Hamiltons Celebrate Sexuality Week 1994. he is the author of the book Queer in America.

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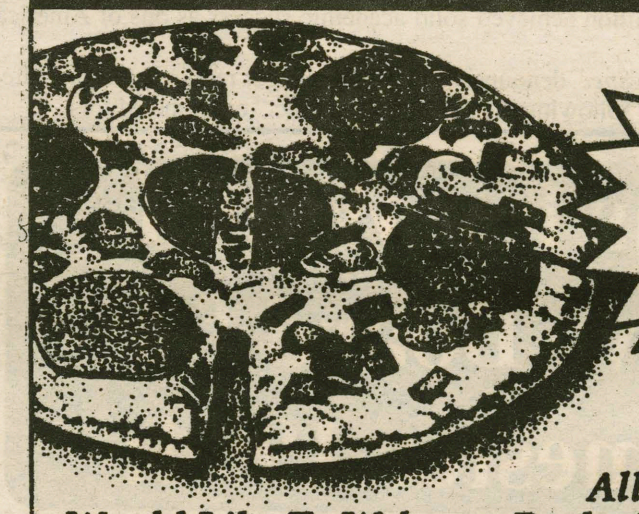

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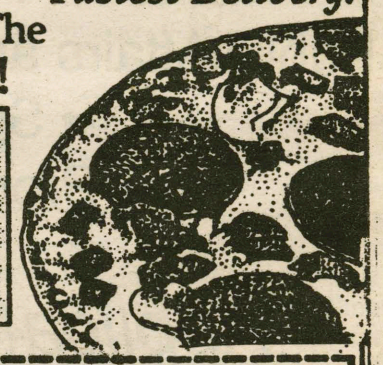

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Building self–esteem in Utica

By Tim Fox
Guest to Features

For the past semester, I have spent two hours every Wednesday tutoring fourth grade students at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Utica. The experience of tutoring youngsters who truly need help is one which I value highly. Utica Reading, the name of the program for which I tutor, fosters one-on-one contact between the tutor and the student. I teach two students named Christine and Erica the basics of reading and mathematics. My roommate, Jason Gould, who joins me every week in my trek to Utica, teaches two youths named Trang and Steven.

One of the most challenging aspects of working with fourth-graders is gaining their trust. To meet this challenge I make small talk with my students before we begin to work. For example, I might ask Christine how her three brothers and sisters are doing, while I would compliment Erica on the pretty sweater she is wearing. By chatting about non-academic topics, I can often make the student feel more relaxed.

While Christine is very easy to lighten up, Erica does not relax so readily. She often times signals answers with her hands, or whispers the answers to problems rather than answering in a normal tone. I believe that part of her shyness stems from the lack of self-confidence in her English language ability.

Spanish, not English, is Erica's mother tongue. Despite her relatively little experience with speaking English, she communicates remarkably well. She speaks with almost no accent, using the words and phrases that most fourth-graders use. Sometimes I spend more time restoring her confidence than I do actually teaching her. Yet, when Erica finally lets down her guard, she proves to be an intelligent and charming girl.

Jason also faces a similar challenge when tutoring Trang. Trang, a recent immigrant from Vietnam, speaks little English. Jason actually spends most of his time with Trang reviewing the phonetics of words and short phrases. Slowly but surely, Jason has seen a marked improvement in Trang's communication skills. For example, before Jason began tutoring Trang, he could not pronounce the word "as". Now Trang pronounces "as" like a native English speaker.

Jason also tutors Trang in reading. Though Trang can read out loud quite well, he does not understand much of what he reads. Consequently, Jason spends most of his remaining time with Trang reviewing the meanings of simple words and phrases.

Though Trang needs help with his reading, he needs little or no help in learning math. Jason was astonished at the ease at which Trang performed math problems. He said that Trang was able to solve some of the problems faster than Jason himself could solve them. Jason quickly realized that he no longer needed to help Trang in math.

Jason and I realize that spending a half hour each week with two fourth grade students will not make much of an impact on what they learn. The undervalued classroom teachers, who devote their entire lives to educating our country's youth, truly form the minds of young people. Not until society sees the enormous value of elementary and secondary school educators, will the ineffective schools of today improve.

Until that day comes, we all must take steps to ensure that our future generation comes pepared to meet all the challenges of the modern world. Whether someone tutors in Utica or acts as a "Big Brother / Big Sister", to someone who needs a role model, every little bit of service helps ensure the next generation's well-being.

As Hamilton students, but more importantl as human beings we have a responsibility to assist those in need. As Cornell West said in his lecture on Wednesday night, "We're all in this boat together, and this boat has got a leak." I encourage everyone to make an effort to help plug the leak, and prevent the boat from sinking further.

HAVOC, an organization that attempts to mke a difference, sponsors many programs among which everyone is sure to find at least one of interest. Please join the hundreds of Hamilton students who already work for HAVOC programs like Utica Reading by calling the HAVOC office at x4195.

This Week in Hamilton History

15 years ago

More than 54 students in the Hamilton College housing lottery could not be housed. Meanwhile, Kirkland College forbade its students to live off campus because it had not yet filled its housing space.

30 years ago

Lee H. Bristol '14, Chairman of the Board of Bristol Meyers, donated $400,000 to the college in memory of his father William M. Bristol (Class of 1882.) These funds were used to build the Bristol Campus Center.

50 years ago

Hamilton's Defense Weekend Committee raised approximately $800 to $1000 for the war effort. The effort was led by the previous head of Communications and Development, Joseph Anderson '44.

Hamilton planned to announce honorary degrees to five different men most notably Henry Luce, the founder of Time, Life Rf.

75 years ago

Fredrick C. Ferry, Dean of Williams College, accepted the presidency of Hamilton and replaced Melachron Woolsey Stryker. Ferry served as president until 1938. According to the Hamilton College Catalogue, it was under Ferry "that Hamilton achieved solid academic success as ons of America's leading liberal arts institutions."

Hamilton Life, the predecessor to *The Spec*, denounced plans to no longer require Latin and Greek for graduation. "We shall not prosper by following the herd in mad panic," cried the editors.

Women at Hamilton break the silence

*From **Silence** on page 5.*

female professors be hired (currently, 33 percent are female). The possibility that Bishop's and Woog's video could be used to facilitate classroom discussion was also suggested.

The stories of 20 women hardly convey the experience of 800, and leave out the male sex altogether, but 20 testimonies are sufficient to affirm the living reality of anti-semitism, sexism, racism and homophobia in this community. Bishop and Woog say they hope their work will encourage more women to discuss their lives at Hamilton, for recognition is the first step to dissolving the boundaries of what could be, for some, a provincial hell.

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La Vanguardia wants to be heard

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surer Elisa Coons '96, and Publications Secretary Kim Torres '97.

At meetings, the group organizes movies, lectures, and other campus events. The newsletter, which usually contains poems or stories submitted by students, has been printed twice this year. For its members, La Vanguardia is primarily a place to find support and to talk about relevent issues.

Lotufo stresses that this year instead of studying the number of different cultural backgrounds in a Latino community (African, Native American, Portuguese, Spanish, and Italian), the group has just been focusing on the members themselves and what they stand for. Through interaction and discussion, the group tries to work out differences.

Lotufo explains, "Since we're such a diverse group, we all have different needs, so we're always growing and changing. There are still problems because we feel like we're still not heard. We just want to be heard."

La Vanguardia has changed significantly in the past ten years. The group now gets a lot of support from the administration. Their advisor, Susan Sanchez is a huge support, and Karen Green also adds a lot to the organization and keeps it running smoothly.

La Vanguardia is a student run organization that is open to all students regardless of race. Meetings are held every other Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Afro-Latin Cultural Center.

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South African elections truly miraculous

Certainly, the historic events unfolding by the hour in South Africa have, at this point, already been covered from nearly every conceivable angle. Nonetheless, the situation is so inherently amazing and inspiring, I cannot help but think that it will never be explored sufficiently.

As of last evening, officials were estimating that nearly 95% of South Africa's population had turned out to vote in the first free elections which have been held in that country since white rule was established over 300 years ago. Despite the fact that right-wing white extremists had attempted, by staging a week-long campaign of terror during which car bombs exploded regularly, to intimidate voters who supported a coalition government, South Africans of every race flocked to the polls in droves.

Many voters awaited their chance to fill out a ballot for upwards of four or five hours, standing in lines thousands of people long. Even as the polls closed yesterday, there were still multitudes left waiting to vote. Consequently, the polls may have to be kept open for another day.

Nonetheless, despite the tremendous mobs of people and the strain which waiting placed on them, not a single election-related death had occurred by the close of the polls. Even more amazing is the fact that police have taken into custody 31 people who they believe to have been involved, perhaps even to have organized, the pre-election bombings, which claimed 21 lives.

I think there are many of us who, even five years ago, could not have imagined South Africa renouncing its system of apartheid. Certainly, it seemed nothing short of miraculous when Nelson Mandela was finally released from prison after serving 27 years as a political dissident. To think that the day would come less than four years later, when Mandela (broadcast internationally) would be able to proudly cast his ballot in behalf of a new South Africa, let alone be anticipated to serve as its next President, is truly amazing.

The events unfolding in South Africa are a tribute to the type of perseverance and courage which Nelson Mandela exemplifies. Black South Africans have been denied full citizenship and its attendant privileges for in excess of 300 years. It takes courage to face a radically changing world, even if the end result of the transformation is positive. It also requires exceptional bravery to stand firm in the face of car bombs and other violence; to be willing, ultimately to risk injury or death, in order to cast a ballot.

Contrast this valiance with the base cowardice demonstrated by white separatists who want to retain the power they wrongly usurped three centuries ago. Unable to face the thought of coalition, they have lashed out, trying to impede the cause of justice and not caring, perhaps even hoping, that human lives would get caught in the crossfire.

All those, no matter of what race, who continue to work toward establishing a successful, fair, coalition government in South Africa should be commended. Those individuals who have recognized the need to abolish the legal framework of oppression, and who are willing to devote themselves to the arduous task of reconstructing a country are certainly extraordinary.

Mary Kate LeCam
Inquiry

I feel obliged to slip the obligatory cynical challenge to our government in here somewhere. What would my new column be without it? On that note, I can only hope that our country will prove itself equal to the challenge of supporting the fledgling, egalitarian South Africa. The coalition goverment will undoubtedly need assistance from the members of the international community, and shouldn't have to ask twice.

But enough; this is a time that should be reserved for optimism. Shortly after casting his vote, Nelson Mandela, exuded optimism as he eloquently expressed the significance of the day which marked the official abolition of apartheid. "We have moved," he said, "from an era of pessimism, division, limited opportunity and turmoil. We are starting a new era of hope, of reconciliation, of nation-building."

Long may it last.

Feminist support for President Clinton enigmatic in light of harassment

I have often said that President Clinton is devoid of morality, something I believe is essential for good leadership. The people elected Clinton to the highest office in the land with rumors of his marital infidelity and philandering widespread. Clinton himself never said he didn't do it, but said he "did nothing wrong." Then there is Paula Jones. Although I could relate her story, the *Accuracy In Media* did as good a job as could be done. The following is an excerpt from an advertisement they put in several papers:

Hunter Chamberlin
Apple Pie

Paula Jones is a former Arkansas state employee, who has charged that on May 8, 1991 she was pulled away from her duty post by a state trooper and escorted to a hotel room to meet Gov. Bill Clinton. Mrs. Jones charged at a news conference on Feb. 11, 1994 that Clinton subjected her to sexual harassment.

Specifically, she said that after several minutes of small talk, Clinton made three distinct sexual advances, including grasping her hand, sliding his hand up her leg and asking her to perform a type of sex act that would not require her to remove her clothes.

Mrs. Jones, who was single and engaged to be married at the time, said she rebuffed the governor. She has since revealed that Clinton dropped his pants and exposed himself. She was horrified and immediately left the room. She says she was there less than fifteen minutes and that when she left, Clinton warned her not to tell anyone what had happened. He also told her that the head of the agency she worked for was a good friend of his. Her attorney, Daniel Traylor, pointed out at the press conference that Mrs. Jones could not very well complain to the police, since she had been escorted to the governor's room by an officer. She could not complain to her boss, because Clinton had told her he was his good friend.

According to affidavits she provided, Paula Jones promptly told what had happened to a co-worker and a close friend as well as her mother, two sisters, and her fiance. Arkansas state trooper Danny Ferguson had previously told reporters for the L.A. times that Clinton asked him to arrange for the use of the hotel room for a brief period. Ferguson said Clinton pointed out Paula Jones and directed him to bring her to the room, saying she had "a come hither look."

The charges made by Paula Jones are very serious, involving not only criminal conduct on the part of Gov. Clinton toward a state employee, but also the flagrant misuse of a state trooper. She provided corroboration in the form of affidavits from the two women to whom she promptly described the governor's conduct. Her story was independently corroborated by trooper Ferguson's published account of the incident.

As of April 19, The New York Times had mentioned Paula Jones' press conference only in a 250-word story at the bottom of page 8 of its Feb. 12 editions. All this story revealed about Mrs. Jones' shocking experience was that the trooper had taken her to see Gov. Clinton, who had asked her to engage in a sex act. The Times said that she declined to describe the act. Not exactly. She nodded affirmatively as her attorney said it was an act that would not have required her to remove her clothes. The Washington Times later reported that Clinton exposed himself as he invited Jones to perform the act.

There is no reason to believe this story is not true. It has been corroborated by the many people involved, as well as many news organizations. A reporter from the *Washington Post* investgated the charges and found the only conclusion that the charges were not fabricated. Unfortunately, his story never ran. This is very disturbing. What is more disturbing, however, and very enigmatic, is the support that Clinton enjoys from people who claim to be feminists and others concerned about women's issues and equality. Toi think these people, who beleive ina very worthy cause stand behind a man capable of such harassment and perversion against women is something I fail to understand.

Racism found in e-mail network

Question: Why did the little nigger boy cry when he had diarrhea? Answer: Because he thought he was melting. Pretty funny, huh? Recently this, and three more pages of clever witticisms, made an appearance on the E-mail system. Now you can imagine the surprise of the person, an Black Hamiltonian, who discovered this type of literary genius lurking in his "mailbox."

I'm sure the intended recipient of his little jokes would have enjoyed them throughly, but the computer system being what it is, the message never met its intended destination. Instead it popped up on the Hamilton E-mail system First of all, it amazes me that someone would take the time to record and send racist jokes on E-mail. There was even a picture of an African male, drawn by using the asterisk and various other keys, which would have taken quite some time to create. The letter contained several of the most hate filled poems I've ever read. I could not believe what I was reading, and felt embarrassed in the presence of the two (African-American) friends who presented it to me. There was nothing I could say to them that could erase the horrible things that this man wrote.

The worst thing is that this was a college student, not some uneducated klansman lurking in the backwoods of some rural area. Someone much like any number of people I pass on the path every day. I wondered if any of my fellow Hamiltonians feel the same as the author of the hate E-mail. Then it occurred to me that this is the type of question minority students *must* ask themselves every day. If I just forgot about this one racist incident, my life could go on unhindered. However, minority students cannot forget because they are faced with such hate every day. They much question the motivations of those around them in a way that I never will.

After my initial shock, things got remarkably funny. I started reading the letter for grammatical errors. I found about forty. Apparently one of the requirements to be a racist is a certain level of illiteracy, even if the racist is a college student. My friends and I actually joked at the ideas that this man was proposing. For instance, what would actually happen if one of them was beaten to death by her own lips? Perhaps it was a kind of uneasy laughter, but it was the only solution we had because I cannot advocate telling this man that he cannot speak or think how he wants. Because the mail was not intended for an Black Hamilton student, it cannot constitute a threat. So I am left with one weapon. I can laugh at him. I would like to think that the thought of myself and two Black women laughing at him, and the very "humor" that he thought would be so harmful to the African community, would have killed him.

Bill Murphy
Dead Center

A friend of mine told me she was tired of fighting. You can't be an activist every day and not feel depressed and overburdened, and who would want to? There comes a time when you can't be outraged anymore, you just don't have the time or the energy. I think my friend was right, I would feel a little burned out if I was her too. At a place as small as Hamilton, whether we do it on purpose or not, the few minority students here are constantly called upon to represent their entire community and fight for its causes.

I guess I really didn't understand why she just couldn't stop fighting, maybe just for a little while. After all, Hamilton isn't the most racist of places, is it? But then again, E-mail isn't exactly the typical Klu Klux Klan mailing system is it? I suppose not every one can afford my reaction of uneasy laughter. Maybe for as many people who are tired of fighting, there are those who just can't laugh anymore. In an ideal world, this would not even be an issue. It is one thing to believe one race is inherently better than another. That is just a belief, although a horrible and offensive one. However, it is an entirely different thing to say that you're going to "Crack the nigger's skull." I suppose I'm clinging desperately to my last bit of idealism when I say that I believe this man is in the minority, but I have no other solution. What's strange is I'm White and I feel as if there's nothing I can do. It amazes me that there are still minority students who believe they can overcome such odds. For this, I envy their idealism.

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On Wednesday, Richard Milhous Nixon was laid to rest in Yorba Linda, California, about a week and a half after a debilitating stroke. For most of the students at this school, this event is no more than the passing of a former President. While we may have been born under his Presidency, we cannot really say we experienced it. For the previous generation, our parents' generation, his death marks the end of an era. Nixon's death forces us to think about our own historical knowledge for while he may be part of history to us, he is the standard by which the corruption of today is measured.

There is a reason why this issue comes up now. Surely, there were times in the past where we did not know much about events that happened during our parents' young adult years. This is true, but the issue of Richard Nixon's Presidency is a little different. No president in history inspired such hate or love as Nixon; we, as college students, should know that. After reading an article in *The New York Times*, you have to wonder that any of us know anything that happened in the last thirty years.

Michael Winerip, a columnist for the *Times*, went to Mineola High School on Long Island to talk to students about Nixon, who was about to be buried. The lack of knowledge about Watergate was disgusting. The comments ranged from "He tried to bring some integrity back to the Presidency" to "He couldn't have done all those bad things." You must remember that these comments came only from those who professed to have any knowledge about Richard Nixon.

We are not going to get into a discussion of whether Nixon was a good or bad President; everybody has their own opinion. Even allowing for everybody's own opinion, you cannot talk about Richard Nixon's Presidency without talking about Watergate, like some of the students wanted. Even the most die-hard Republicans cannot claim that Watergate did not happen. Even Nixon's biggest admirers cannot say that integrity was one of the virtues he held.

This August will be the twentieth anniversary of Richard Nixon's resignation. Twenty years and it seems the next generation, our generation, has anointed him as a saint. We will not give you a long song and dance about the decline of education in America; we only wonder what our children will think about some of the major issues in our time. Some of these issues have already happened; some have yet to come. It just staggers the imagination to conceive of what they will think.

Richard Nixon was at the same time brilliant and insane. His foreign policy achievements were always beyond question (Vietnam and Cambodia notwithstanding), but the paranoia over his domestic standing caused him to commit acts that violated all rules of fair play, ethics and, of course, a few laws. When remembering him, you can neither praise him too greatly or skewer him too much. No matter how you end up treating his memory, you have to look at the complete package. Any less would be a disservice to history.

In order to keep this editorial Hamilton-oriented, we do have one hope: that Admissions did not accept anyone from Mineola High School for the Class of 1998.

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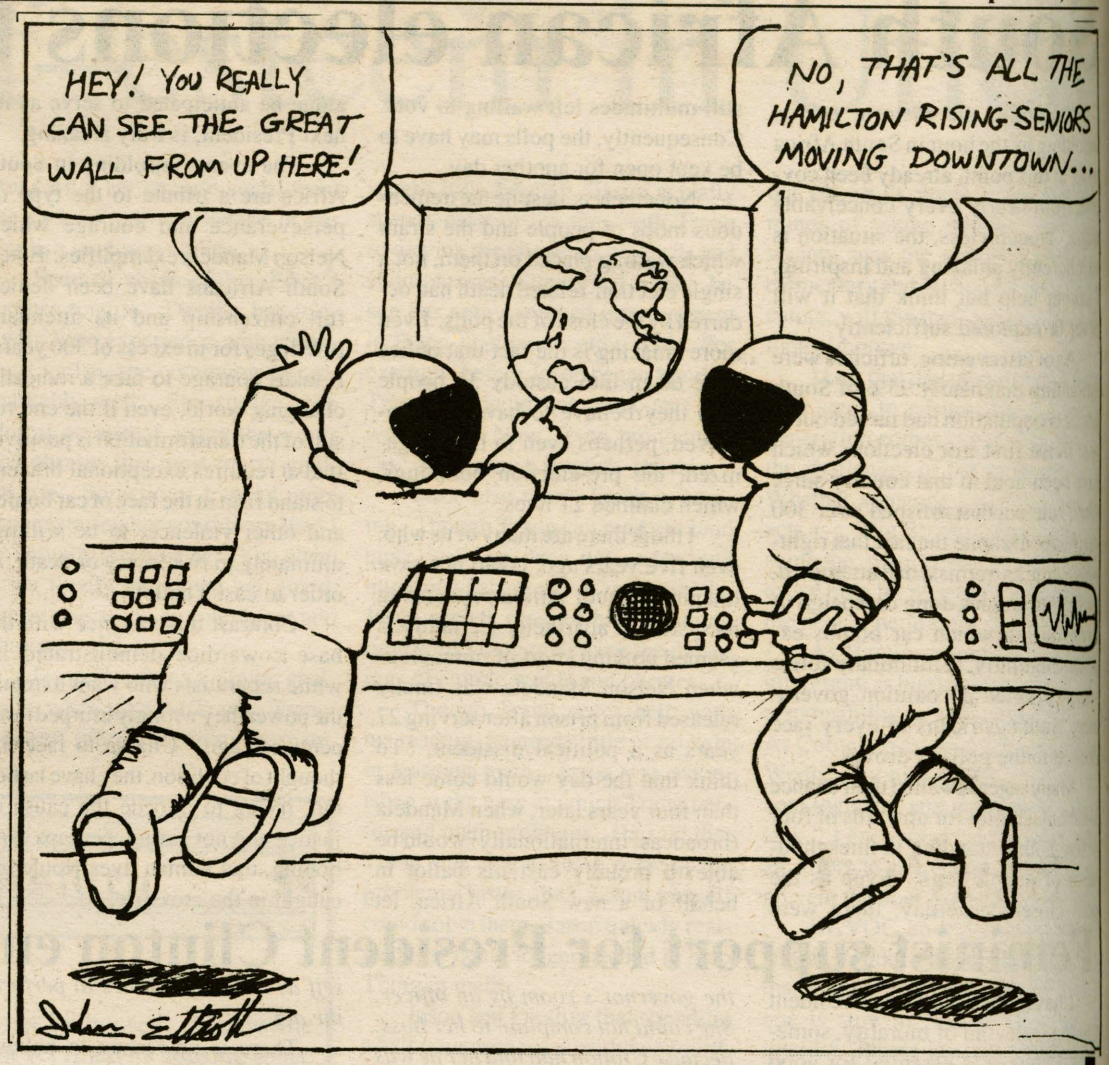


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rape posters extreme display of radicalism

To the Editor:

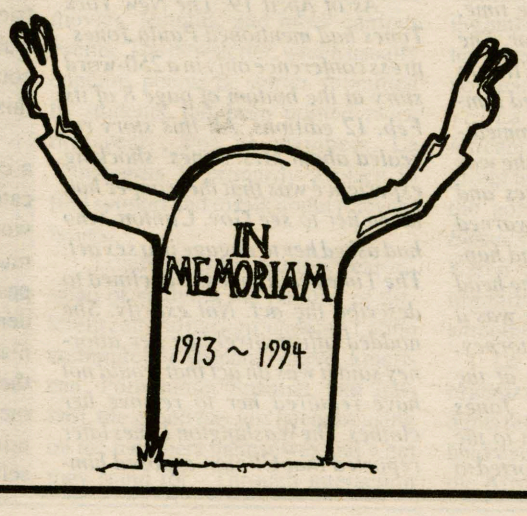
I am furious because of the lack of decency displayed in the recent posters on rape at Hamilton College. These posters reproduce the pictures of over 100 Hamilton students, along with their high school and hometown. These students submitted these pictures to Hamilton College with the explicit intention of having them published exclusively in the New Faces Book. Against such an agreement, in black bold letters, the posters state "Look at Hamilton" asking, "Can you find yourself?" In red capital letters, "You can rape," with an ingenious traffic stop sign between "can" and "rape," so that it can also be read as "You can stop rape." At the end, "Fight it" also in red capital letters. A highly intimidating expression of a two-edged message that remains ambiguous, through the collage of more than 100 pictures and key words cleverly arranged in font, color and design, these posters may imply the highly questionable judgment, in my opinion, that these particular people and anyone else can be a rapist.

Well, I have not raped anyone. Furthermore, I do not intend to rape anybody. Therefore I do not consider myself part of that "universal" group, not that it is anyone's business. Along with this human right, the Sexual Harassment Grievance Board ensures absolute confidentiality unless the raped woman or man chooses to press legal charges. If there are no reported rapes on campus during any given year, it is because rape victims simply do not feel it is in their best interest to make a public issue out of this highly private matter. It is obvious enough for most rape victims to have gone through much pain, and we must respect their right not to become statistics at the mercy of current public opinion moods.

The reason for considering rape a crime is simply because human beings deserve respect for their bodies. The reason for considering plagiarism a crime is simply because human beings deserve protection for their unique name and their unique intellectual endeavor. Similarly, face photographs are unique images of particular persons. It is a gross lack of consideration to associate those images with actions alien to the intentions and views of the persons who willingly provided those images for other, unrelated purposes. For that reason, it is a matter of courtesy, sometimes a matter of highly enforced laws and personal safety, in any country, any culture, any background, or in any situation in general, for any traveling photographer to ask for permission before shooting a picture of another human being. I strongly suspect that some of the 100+ Hamilton students, whose pictures are depicted in these posters, were not aware that their pictures were to be used in a poster on rape **in addition to** the New Faces Book.

My only consolation is that my picture did not appear in the poster. As much as I love my school, and as much as I sympathize with the need of preventing rape, I would consider taking firm action against whoever compiled that poster should it include my picture, the Armand Hammer UWC, and Caracas, Venezuela, in the same spot. While other people might not consider pressing charges necessary, let me ask at least for the immediate removal of such posters.

Rubén Rivero '95



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Arnold and Goldstein slam Murphy's anti-society assertions:

'94 class members advocate eliminating barriers between students

To the Editor:

Last week in his column, Dead Center, Bill Murphy attempted to respond to criticism of the society system at Hamilton. While he deemed anti-society arguments "weightless," we feel that many of his assumptions about those opposed to selective societies were shallow and incorrect. Although we cannot speak for everyone opposed to selective societies at Hamilton, we would like to respond to a few of his main assertions:

1. *"The first fallacy found in the anti-society argument comes from those who are anti-fraternity and not anti-sorority."* We do not support the existence of any selective societies at Hamilton. However, many of our largest objections to the system as it currently stands relate to inequities in housing and social power. Fraternities have housing and social space, and sororities do not.

2. *"There is a large portion of the Hamilton population that preach anti-society propaganda who, when night falls, can be found cavorting with fraternity brothers and sorority sisters alike."* We have nothing against society members, but we do not go to their parties.

3. *"Quite frankly who cares what the faculty thinks?"* We do.

4. *"An organization that is for a specific group of people is not necessarily against the groups that the organization isn't for."* Murphy asserts that the issues of sexism and selectivity are not valid arguments against selective societies. However, within Hamilton's current social and residential system, society members hold certain privileges and opportunities which are not accessible to all students.

5. *"I have never heard of HOSS opening the membership"* This semester's HOSS meeting was advertised and open to those who seriously question the role of societies at Hamilton.

6. *"While the anti-society students preach tolerance and multiculturalism, they turn right around and advocate the abolishment of an aspect of culture simply because it does not subscribe to their beliefs."* Selective, sexist, elitist societies divide the campus. Why should we tolerate a system which institutionalizes exclusion and division?

Murphy seems to feel that as a member of a fraternity he is oppressed and stigmatised. However, as a fraternity member he is taking advantage of privileges which are not available to at least half of the campus.

To create a sense of community at Hamilton, we must attempt to eliminate barriers between students rather than continue to reinforce them.

Lee Arnold '94
Claire Goldstein '94

Stalled engine of progress can be attributed to P.C.

Kamau Rucker
Guest Columnist

Often times we have to step away from something to see the reality of it. We have to step outside of ourselves and our context in order to remind ourselves of what's important to take notice of. This past weekend I saw the "Joy Luck Club" again on the weekend of April 22. I went to see it again because the first time I viewed this movie I thought it was an accomplished film if but not a great one. However, there was something I missed. And I knew this for sure. The second viewing showed me the pervasiveness of tragedy in the women's lives, showed me the signs and symbols of their tragedy, and showed me the depth of feeling in the telling. This experience occurred again when I stepped out of my life as a Hamilton student separated from the rest of the world and even Clinton, New York and looked at the things around me as a somewhat socially aware individual.

I saw racist, sexist, heterosexist, and mysoginist slander etched in the bathroom stalls and study cubicles. I saw the guest speaker picture of Cornell West in *The Spectator* that stands in stark comparison to the usual "I radiate rank" poses of other speakers. I saw "the white gay" hand written on the Celebrate Sexuality week posters describing the author Signorelli when it was very clear, pre-production, that Regynold Shepard is "an African-American Gay Poet" and Cherrie Moraga is "a Latina Lesbian Poet". These examples are some of the more visible and I use them not as an attack but as an example of what to look for in this community and the extra-Hamilton environments you will enter post spring semester. So what's my point?

We attend a school where one of the aims is "understanding others" and being more "multi-cultural", right? So, is it that the complete multi-cultural agenda isn't filtering into young academian life? Yes. Is it that the complete multi-cultural agenda isn't even, and can't even, be created at the top of the political strata? Yes. Or, how about this? Is it that there are a lot more people who use multi-cultural lingo as a buzz word or peace maker than those who can't avoid the issue as a part of their lives or truly believe in the ethic? Again, yes.

As progress stems from the people, the problem is the people. This includes liberals who say "It doesn't matter what you look like?" and "It doesn't matter how you choose to live." It includes conservatives who say "Why are you making such a big deal..." out of your difference? It includes those who believe in the ethic but because of their backgrounds aren't as effected by the problems that urged the idea of being more multi-cultural. It includes those who are affected by the issue but don't feel, or aren't allowed to feel, strong enough to make a lot of noise in support of multi-culturalism. It includes the academians and politicians who stress the idea but make their own expressions most visible only in the form of the politically correct movement. It includes people who still devoutly believe that it is never who you are and only what you can do. It includes people who still believe in the melting pot. It is people who still believe that "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free." is the way governments work.

In the end does it really matter whether some one says waitress or waitron. I think not. What matters is whether the intention to make someone verbally and physically less that is still the intent. Voluntarily, or involuntarily, there are certain words and action that imply stripping away a person's social value. It's not a question of what do words, actions really mean, or who's creating these meanings. These words and actions pervade our world and, yes, our lives. "The world is too much with us" is true but within that climate we must always be cognizant of our references to others and what that reference says to them and the world.

However, it is crucial that those who are completely averse to the multi-cultural ethic be challenged. The inscriptions I have seen defy any social sensibility. I see it as either a twisted jest aimed at the issue, some warped rebellion aimed at the administration and activist students, or a sincere attack on what some think is an unimportant issue. If it's a jest, I'd like to take a quick look at history. The later teachings of Malcolm X, which are very important to modern discourse, were dealt with wearily as they were too close to home and way too angry. Therefore, Martin Luther King, Jr. was the hero of the day. He sought to recollect all people as a people. He fostered non-violent attempts at getting people to understand each other. This is the angle most of the current discourse on multi-culturalism is taking. So, are we calling all of the "progressive" movement's history a joke? In doing so are we not regressing in social mentality.

Second, is the issue of being a rebel. You don't have to be inane to be a rebel and to think that Gene Tobin is going to use a public bathroom in the library (thus reading your messages) is completely misguided. If you think Gene Tobin is sitting at your study cubicles understand that his office is a well thought out haven. Rebels, at least make your rebellions noticeable. You'll get more attention.

And finally, if your point is that you still think people are inherently less than you because of race, class, sexuality, and gender I don't know what to say. Let's look at history again. The slavemasters were using the bible to show slaves that their being subject was divinely ordained. This is the heritage that your thinking is stemming from in this nation. In fact, it occurred earlier in history when the Puritans, just over from Europe and directly linked to those who came here seeking religious freedom, declared the Native American devil spawn and sought to eradicate them. The idea that people are inherently less than you is undefendable. It does not line up with the fact that we all bleed the same, cry the same, react the same to being oppressed, have sex the same, and even excrete the same. There must be something in the cosmic works that is aiming at social equality.

But maybe I'm the one who's being stupid. Maybe I'm wrong to believe in progress at all. Maybe there's no hope in moving past where we are in our social existences. Maybe we are doomed to kill each other, blow up the world, become hermits, become psychopaths, become victims, become oppressors, and continually regress to the failed founding of this not so great nation.

Little offers increased safety tips for disturbing spring behavior

To the Community:

As is obvious, every year at this time people spend more hours outdoors as the campus recovers from yet another wretched winter. Unfortunately, every spring I also notice a revival of disruptive, disrespectful and dangerous behavior on the Hill. People are more apt to wander into the mild weather to harass and bother other members of the community. Please beware of increasing incidences of peeping toms and sexual assaults, as well as a continuing trend of harassing phone calls.

I write to offer the Community simple suggestions that I use for avoiding these dangers. Please remember that both women and men are subject to unwanted harassment, and that the victim is not responsible in any way for such behaviors. First, when changing clothes or doing anything that I wish to remain private, I close my curtains or blinds *completely*. A friend suggested to me today that a partially closed curtain or blind may provide an even greater signal to persons outside that private acts ensue inside the room. Otherwise, the blinds would perhaps be completely open, especially at this time of year. Also, I do not believe that only first floor residents are subject to peeping toms/window watchers.

Whenever I walk or jog around campus, I remain aware of my surroundings. If I hear footsteps, I am not afraid to turn around to see who follows. In fact, I do this often. Hamiltonians may think I'm incredibly paranoid, but a glance of recognition both calms me and may prevent an unwanted attack. Furthermore, many members of the community and I continue to receive an unprecedented number of harassing phone calls. I never stray from two phone strategies: I guard my name and screen my calls. By not leaving my name on my answering machine/voice mail and not allowing anyone to know my name before I know theirs, I eliminate the opportunity for false familiarity. As soon as an harasser knows my name, s/he has a familiarity with me that can fool me into trust. Sometimes when I go to sleep, I turn off the telephone ringer and allow my answering machine to screen the call. When I didn't own an answering machine, I would forfeit a call in the early morning hours. If there were an emergency, the person would call again. Lastly, I always lock my door at night. It's a simple way to protect myself. You may have other suggestions to present to the community. Please talk with others and help one another avoid dangerous situations.

Amy D. Little '94

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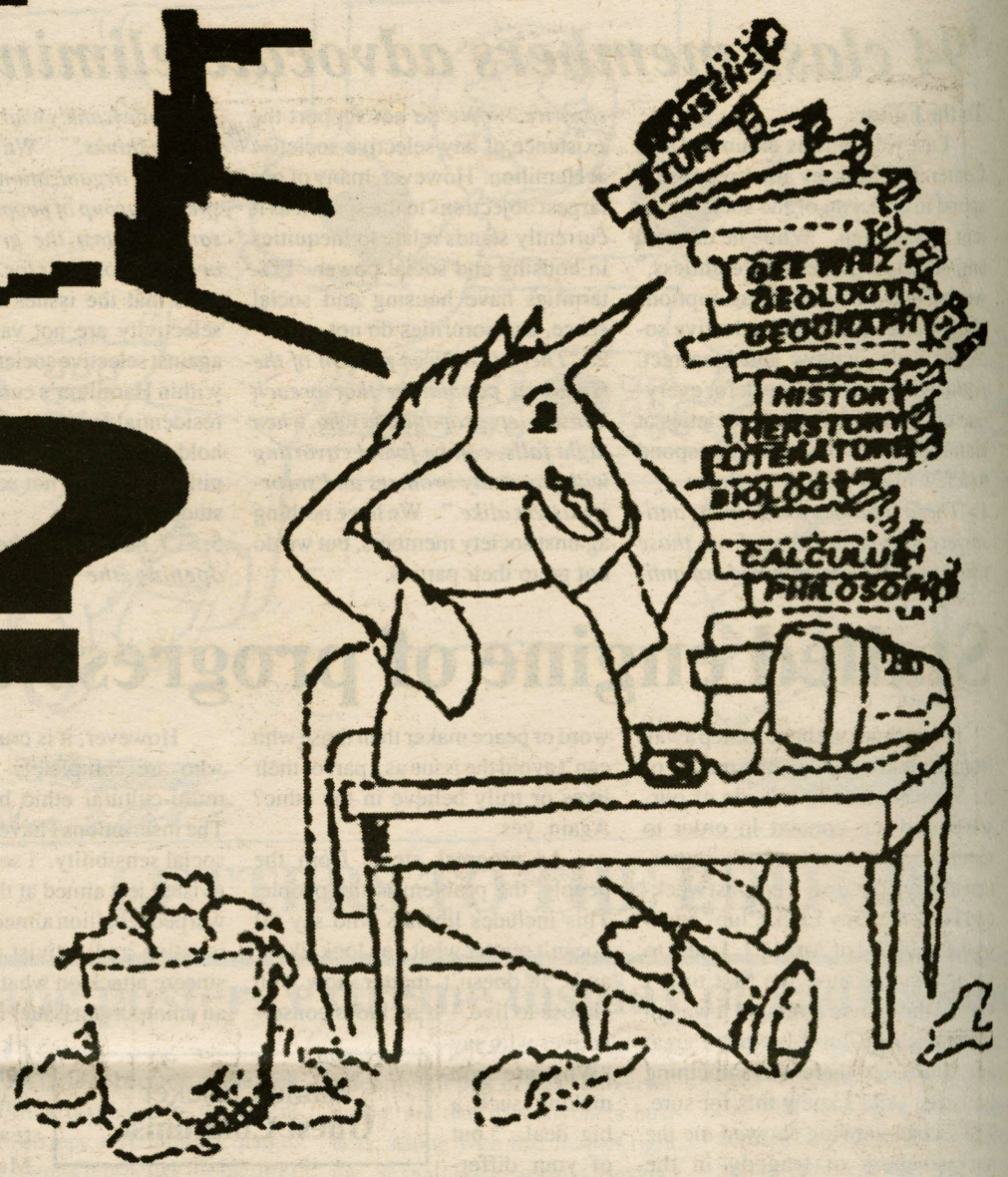

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HIS MOTHER? NO KIDDING?
UH-HUH. I THINK HE'S FINALLY GOING TO DROP THE BOMB.
MOM, IT'S ABOUT MY SEXUAL ORIENTATION...
EXCUSE ME, I'M ONLY A MOTHER. BUT COULDN'T YOU HAVE WORN A TIE?
SO WHAT'S YOUR BIG NEWS, DEAR?
MOM, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING FOR MONTHS...
I KNOW THIS WILL BE PAINFUL FOR YOU TO HEAR, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW. LAST SUMMER, AFTER A LIFETIME OF DENIAL, I FINALLY FIGURED OUT I WAS GAY.
DON'T BE SILLY, DEAR. YOU'RE JUST ARTISTIC.
NOT REALLY. A LITTLE AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY, THAT'S IT.
MARK, MARK, THAT'S JUST PREPOSTEROUS! YOU'RE NOT GAY...
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THAT, MOM?
A MOTHER KNOWS, OKAY? SHE JUST KNOWS! END OF SUBJECT!
HOW 'BOUT THEM REDSKINS?
IT'S OFF-SEASON, MOM. LET'S TRY TO DEAL WITH THIS, OKAY?
SO IT'S TRUE... YOU REALLY ARE GAY!
WAIT A MINUTE... YOU KNEW?
ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS TOLD ME. SHE HEARD YOU DISCUSSING IT ON YOUR RADIO SHOW.
WELL, MOM, IF YOU HEARD ABOUT IT, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING TO ME?
I GUESS I JUST FIGURED IT WAS SOME SORT OF RATINGS STUNT.
ACTUALLY, WE DID GET PRETTY GOOD NUMBERS.
I'M SORRY, MARK, I CAN'T PRETEND I'M NOT DEVASTATED BY YOUR NEWS...
WELL, WHY, MOM? LET'S TALK IT OUT.
MARK, I HATE THAT ONE DAY YOU'LL BRING HOME A "LOVER." I HATE WHAT THAT MEANS. I HATE NOT HAVING GRANDCHILDREN. I HATE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR NEW LIFESTYLE!
UM... WELL, OKAY, THAT'S A START, MOM...
IT IS?
NO... NO, IT'S NOT. DAMN! I THOUGHT I'D HAVE THE FAMILY IN "PHILADELPHIA."
MOM... YOU CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LITTLE SUPPORT I'VE BEEN GETTING...
YOU, DAD, MIKE, EVERYONE! IT'S BEEN THE SAME STORY— YOU'D RATHER NOT KNOW!
THIS ISN'T A CHOICE I'M DEALING WITH HERE — IT'S WHO I AM! CAN'T YOU EVEN TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I MIGHT BE GOING THROUGH?
MOM?
HONEY, PROMISE ME YOU'LL SEE A SPECIALIST. BEFORE IT GETS WORSE.

Little Brother—
Welcome to Hamilton! We are going to have a wonderful time this weekend! I am so psyched that you're here. Let's have a BLAST!
—Big Sister

S.P.S. with the beatiful blue eyes—
Thank you for keeping me out of the land of stress. Holding your hand keeps me together.
Love and hugs, A.R.L.

To Cherryl and Neva—
Thank you for a great time at the Salsa Merengue Dance. You made our stay at Hamilton really enjoyable! We will return the favor.
—The Colgate Guys (M & F)

Bear—
Sometimes I don't listen
Sometimes I don't speak
I do want to hear you
and I want you to know.
Can we talk?
Grribbit!!!
—Froggie

Jaime, "The Little One"—
Since we haven't seen you around lately, we'd thought we'd let you know that we are "flattered" to know you!
—Guess who?!

Circle—
Cir group has been fun cir. We are nearly done. Here is to a successful negotiation!! Hang in there!

To the one who called me sleazy—
You torture me and tease me.
Please oh please appease me.
Love, Sleazy.

333 and 300—
Thanks for all you did. I can't wait!
—319

Hey Race Goddess—
Great work on your Senior Thesis Presentation! You really impressed everyone!
—The Physicist

Shark, Firth, and Tennessee—
Thanks for a great two years! Most of the time you guys were great teammates. Good luck in New York, Washington, and ?. Enjoy the watches. You deserve it.
—Sambo

Peaches—
Oh, hello there. How are you, beautiful? Yet another week passes during which we neither spend time nor speak with one another. You know what? I MISS YOU!!! I did catch a quick glimpse of you Wednesday night, though—sorry I didn't stick around. I am so excited for our weekend visitor—HEY, let's go to Pizza Hut! I love you very much. WATCH OUT!!!
—Muffin

Hey Hunter—
Got a little face lift?!?
— Sona, Jim, and Ritvo

Arts&Entertainment

The Spectator April 29, 1994

An Afternoon at the Movies with Jason Kurtz and Eric Strait
This Week's Movie: *Bad Girls*

Jason:

Howdy Partners, here's this week's review of ***Bad Girls***, a female version of your typical western gang. And what a gang it was... Drew Barrymore, Andie MacDowell, and Mary Stuart-Masterson were among the prominent and talented actresses involved in this film. Their usual great acting abilities were evident, and by the end of the film I felt I knew each one personally. Their character portrayals were excellent to say the least and the vitality and life they brought to the normal outlaw gang was an interesting turn.

Rating System:

√= **Horrible:** You should be angry for spending your time and money.
√√= **Fair:** Go to the matinee if you are bored one day. Should wait for video.
√√√= **Good:** Enjoyable and worth the high movie prices.
√√√√= **Excellent:** Do not miss this on the big screen.
√√√√√= **Classic:** Miss this if you want to be made fun of!

The basic plot, a group of prostitutes at a western saloon looking for a new start after being run out of town, was a powerful one. The writers did a nice job of addressing the many hardships and obstacles these husbandless women of the times had to face. The normal themes of love and revenge were present; however, they were a part of the plot in an interesting way. Many times, though, it was somewhat difficult to distinguish exactly where this film was trying to move as there were so many different plots.

Overall, I found the film ***Bad Girls*** to be very enjoyable and a nice change of pace from the male dominated western scene. It is difficult to put my finger on the exact reason why this film was so enjoyable. However, I feel that this film is a must see, especially in light of the recent releases ***Wyatt Earp*** and ***Posse***.

Rating: √√√√ **out of** √√√√√

Eric:

Thelma and Louise have a new title: ***Bad Girls.*** It is comforting to see women break into the world of Westerns as more than dependants. This movie deals with the issues of sexism and women's rights at every turn. A group of four less-than-virtuous women become outlaws and set out to stake a land claim in Oregon. Along the way they meet the bad guys and the good guys and choose their sides appropriately. In the end, they get the bad guys, outrun the law, and ride into the sunset.

This move was enjoyable but tried to deal with too many issues at once. There were several plots moving and shifting the theme of the movie. The attempt to portray strong, confident, and controlling women succeeded. All of the leading characters had an inner strength which forced the audience to respect them. Unfortunately, trying to develop four main characters is hard to do in a two hour movie. At times, the many plots slowed down the flow of the film.

Overall, I enjoyed the movie, perhaps more for its originality than for its actual content. The storylines were interesting and I was rooting for the four women at every turn. See the film in the theater and then rent it later. You'll need to see it twice to get all the different plots in order.

Rating: √√√ **out of** √√√√√

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Just in time for graduation, the Foreign and Fine Film Society presents *The Graduate*. Mike Nichols' 60's milestone stars Dustin Hoffman as an aimless college graduate who becomes involved with his friend's mother, Mrs. Robinson, played by Anne Bancroft. *The Graduate* is a classic film, featuring Simon and Garfunkel's original soundtrack.

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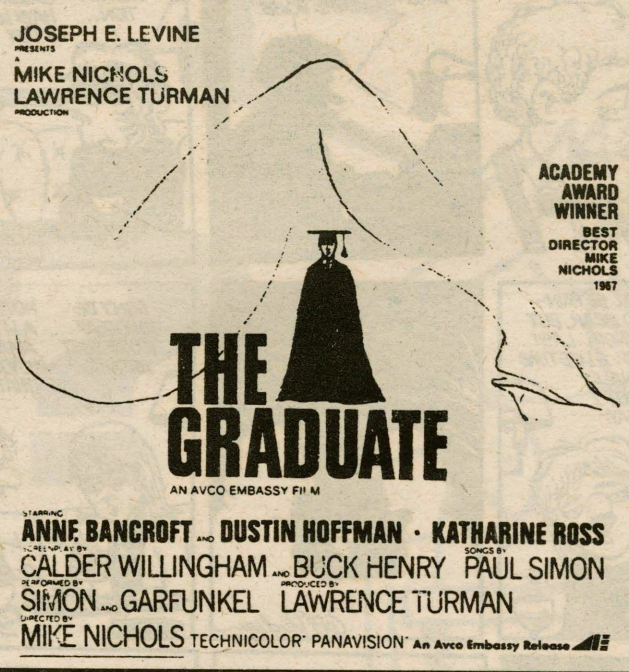

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Music Notebook

Brian Glaser '94

It never ceases to amaze me—a radically mediocre band like Rage Against the Machine inks a deal with Sony/Columbia after something like five club performances, while a slew of better, more important bands pay their dues in full and can't even get an indie deal. In the case of Jacob's Mouse, they had one more factor beyond mere musical obscurity working against them: Jacob's Mouse is from Sheffield, England. Not only do they make powerful, original music, but they make it in a corner of the U.K. that record execs can't seem to find on their map of the London Underground.

I actually found Jacob's Mouse in the Scottish underground. During a stay in Glasgow, I was introduced to the pleasures of the Mouse's poly-rock music brew at a little club called (and I swear I'm not making this up) King Tut's Wah-Wah Hut. The management at Tut's was pumping the new Jacob's Mouse release *I'm Scared* (Frontier Records) over the sound system while I waited for Levitation to take the stage. Levitation ended up boring the hell out of me, but the night wasn't a total loss—I had an album to find.

I'm Scared appeared almost a year ago on England's tiny Wiiija label, the former home of the nearly big alterna-metal band Therapy? Luckily, the folks at the Amerindie label Frontier Records have finally snatched up Jacob's Mouse for these shores.

Jacob's Mouse began as a fairly standard noise-punk unit in England, but something crawled into their collective gizzards after their first disc, *No Fish Shop Parking*, and the trio spat out a tasty EP called *Ton Up* (which Frontier has slapped onto the end of the *I'm Scared* disc). Unlike the first album, which sounded like a collection of all the "right" influences (they sound-check the Cure and Gang of Four like it was a Parliamentary decree), *Ton Up* sports a truly original sound.

That sound, a meltdown of hardcore and dub reggae trimmed with a cookie cutter of pop melody, is rooted in a deep, warm bass sound, with the guitar, drums and voice swirling against the rock-steady center at all sorts of jagged angles. It's easy to play spot-the-influence: Pere Ubu's abstract synth squiggles get rethought for guitar; the Clash's dub-afied "Guns of Brixton" gets thrown into a blender with the noisier days of the Pixies; even Bowie gets a nod with the acoustic/electric textures on songs like "Deep Canvas Lake." But the Mouse no longer tries to merely reproduce those influences. On *Ton Up*, they kept the past tucked away in a hidden pocket while they spat out a new set of sounds.

The band went back into the studio a few months later and brewed up the full-length *I'm Scared*. The disc kicks off with a lurching rocker called "Kettle," a teasing taster of what's about to come. The song rocks away at full speed, but sounds like a three wheeled wagon, never quite stomping on the center of the beat. The guitar pumps out full throttle power chords, like a smartass dare to keep up.

Once the initial damage has been done, Jacob's Mouse throws its whole bag of tricks into the mix. "Zig Zag" and "This Room" have British reggae hearts, with the loping dubbish bass suggesting an alien form of Jamaican crazy riddims. The drums push the bass line up a notch, racing ahead of the low notes until it sounds like the bass is half-timing the drummer's kineticism.

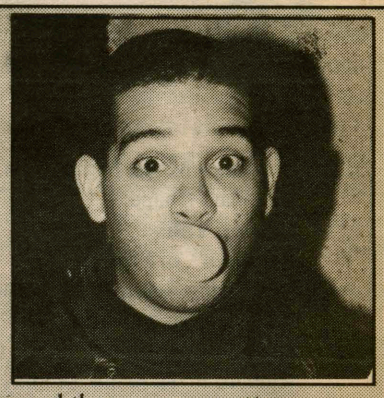
Then the guitar and voice jump in together, screaming nearly in unison. Indeed, the angular melody of the guitar makes the vocals sound almost like a counterpoint, instead of the other way around. The effect is especially potent on "Coalmine," as the guitar/voice package collides with the rhythm section, and Jacob's Mouse throws sparks that are born of the musical promise of Fugazi without being a straight copy of the Dischord band's sound.

Unlike most hardcore sensibilities, though, Jacob's Mouse doesn't have much of a message. In fact, after about a dozen or so spins through *I'm Scared*, you'll be hard pressed to quote a single lyric. Instead, the Mouse's fury is their message. They soak in the calm influences of reggae, folk, industrial or whatever else is lying around, and belt it out louder than the by-now-routines protests over Sheffield's nuclear power plant.

Put simply, never mind the Buzz Bin. Take a ride on *I'm Scared's* unique British underground and spread the word of Jacob's Mouse.

For more information on Jacob's Mouse, write to: Frontier Records, Box 22, Sun Valley, CA, 91353. If you feel the need for the original stuff, try: Wiiija, 130 Talbot Road, London W111JA, U.K.

Art icle Pick



Ruperto Maura '94
A most noticeable Comp. Lit. major and dancer

Place of birth: New York, New York, where the women are strong and the men are pretty.
***Art*icle Pick talents:** I'm a dancer, and I try to do everything in a creative, artistic way in which other people's rules do not apply.
Evolving dance memories: Dancing is a big part of my culture. I would dance back home with my family. When I came to Hamilton, I began to see dancing in a different light; not only for fun but also as a medium through which I could express my creativity and the complexities of my being.
Merging identities in dance: Latino-gay-honorary lesbian-male-feminist-danceur extraordinaire-sensitive-loving-brown-beautiful-urban-activist.
Off-dance identity: Don't touch me! My body is sacred, it's like a temple... open to everyone.
Challenges while rehearsing: Memorizing and getting a feel for the moves, which may differ from usual movement patterns.
Favorite choreographers: Alvin Ailey, Twila Tharp, Bruce, Elaine and Leslie.
Most recent work: Spring Dance concert. I had the chance to dance in several pieces ranging from ballet spoof to modern and my own choreography.
Current work: Syncretic dance forms, incorporating African movements on which many other Latin dancers are based.
Intended work: Getting out of here. Then go back to New York City, teach bilingual education and dance with Dance-Brazil, graduate school.
Business intentions: To open a bookstore with a café attached to it somewhere in the Bay Area.
Favorite mode of transportation: Riding a bus home with 30 inmates from an Oneida county correctional facility.
Favorite music: Technorave, salsa, merengue.
Favorite Puerto Rican ballad singer: Ednita Nazario.
Favorite Venezuelan ballad singer: Ricardo Montaner.
Favorite sport: Making love, oh, and yeah... volleyball.
Worst dance featured on TV: Jaclyn Smith, during the episode "Angels go to Broadway" of *Charlie's Angels*, when she makes a fool of herself.
Role of tradition: Many of the rules are based on traditional ways of thinking, such as the notion of patriarchy. I do take positive aspects of my Latin tradition: the language, food, music, the warmth and beauty of brown people.
On the clash of traditions: I feel one way that people of non-color will understand us is if they know how it is like to be oppressed. A woman knows it. Then we can start a dialogue.
Ideal dialogue: We must have some common ground. I avoid conversations where other people and I do not have similar grounds of awareness, because the burden is always put on oppressed. It is not my duty to educate people constantly. For that reason, we have meetings, lectures, Celebrate Sexuality Week, La Vanguardia... It is up to you to make that work.
Hangouts: Coffeehouse, the Glen, Café Limbo in the East Village.
Cheesiest Sangertown store: Claire's Boutique, a.k.a. Mall Rats Haven.
Tastiest Hallmark food: Pizza rustica and lucky charms.
Views on left-handed people: We make better lovers.
Ideal lover: Brown and beautiful, not inhibited by sexuality.
Favorite Chinese philosophy: Yin in the streets, yang in the sheets.
On men dancing: Dance has been constructed to be a "woman's" art. This is based on the notion of constructed gender roles for men and women. If a man wants to be a dancer "it is because he is gay or feminine", which is ridiculous.
On future dancers: "If all else fails, and you long to be something better than you are today, I know a place where you can get away... it's called the dance floor and here is what it's for: strike a pose." (Madonna)
On popularity at Hamilton: "Before they can read me, they've got to learn how to see me. Free your mind." (En Vogue)

"He terminado la buena batalla, he ganado la carrera, y he guardado mi fé."
(Somewhere in the New Testament)

Uh-ohhh...

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Calendar & Movies

29 *Friday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
12:00 **French Table.** McEwen Coffeehouse
2:45 **Chemistry Seminar.** "Computers and Integrated Circuits: The Chemistry of Lithography." Dr. Richard C. Hemond, Shipley Company. Room 112, Chem Buil.
7:30 **Film: The Graduate.** Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. K-J Aud.
8:00 **One-Act Play Showcase. Sweet**
10:00 **Dreams and Twisted Night mares.** Kirkland Dorm Loft. $1
8:00 **Inaugral Balls.** Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center; Alumni Gym; and Filius Events Barn.

30 *Saturday*

11:00 **Presidential Inauguration.** Scott Field House.
4:00 **Reception.** "Senior Art Projects '94." Emerson Gallery C-J.
7:30 **Film: The Graduate.** Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. K-J Aud.
8:00 **Hamilton College Orchestra.** Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.

1 *Sunday*

11:30 **Community Church** (Protes tant). Janna J. Roche. "Holding Hands and Sticking Together." Chapel.
1:00 **Newman Mass** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
7:30 **Film: The Graduate.** Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society K-J Aud.

2 *Monday*

10:00 **Conversations with President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke Village.
3:00& **College Course 300 Films:**
7:30 **Spike Lee, Do The Right Thing** Kirner Johnson Auditorium.
7:00 **ACOA** (Adult Children of Alcoholics) Meeting. Penney Room, Bristol Campus Center.
7:30 **Reading for Senior Creative Writing Concentrators.** Sponsored by the Writers' Society. Dwight Lounge.
9:00 **Central Council of Student Assembly Meeting.** Bristol.

3 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
4:10 **Faculty Meeting.** Dwight Lounge.
5:30 **Chinese Table.** Room 104 McEwen.
7:00 **Lecture.** "The End of Liberalism." William Kristol. Sponsored by Conservative Club. Chapel.
8:30 **Student Concert.** Wellin Hall.

4 *Wednesday*

Cultural Awareness Day
12:00 **Spanish Table.** Balcony, Commons.
3:00& **College Course 300 Film:**
7:30 **Zhang Yimou, Judou.** K-J.
7:00 **Lecture.** "The Politics of Reproductive Freedom in the 90's:Where to From Here?" Brenda Joyner, Tallahassee. Sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and the Womyn's Center. Red Pit, K-J.

5 *Thursday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
7:00 **Hamilton Environmental Action Group Meeting.** Keehn TV Lounge.
8:00 **Peer Advising Film. To Kill A Mockingbird.** K-J Aud.

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MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

PCU 7:50 9:25
With Honors 7:20 9:50
Shindler's List 12:15 7:40
4 Weddings and a Funeral 6:30 9:30
Cops and Robbersons 7:00
Mighty Ducks 2 9:20
Brain Scan 7:15 9:35
Major League 2 9:20
Naked Gun 3 9:30

Clinton Cinema 853-5553

Grumpy Old Men 7 9:15

Up Town 797-0020

Monkey Trouble 7:15
Philadelphia 9:30
The Ref 7:00 9:30

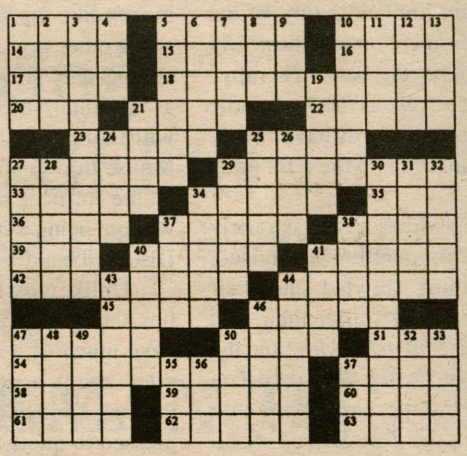
On Campus

The Graduate
Fri., Sat., Sun., @7:30

Matinees are for weekends only.
Clinton Cinema has only Saturday matinees

Weekly Crossword

" Life's a Bowl of Cherries " By Gerry Frey



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1 *Bowling word*
5 Brief fight or argument
10 Masculine
14 Lincoln and Fortas
15 *Hawaiian bowl*
16 Med. school subj.
17 Kitty cries
18 *Rose Bowl site*
20 Yasir Arafat's org.
21 Sea eagle
22 Docks
23 Wandered
25 Actor James
27 Rotated
29 *Some bowl game participants*
33 Fencing swords
34 Dean or Garner
35 Employ
36 British events
37 *'94's ____ Bowl XXVII*
38 Gospel singer ____ James
39 Actor Schwarzenegger to friends
40 Separately
41 Consumed
42 *Rose Bowl site*
44 Appraise
45 Cleaning appliances:Abr.
46 More sensible
47 Immaculate
50 Samuel Morse's forte
51 Belfry resident
54 *Tampa's Bowl*
57 Safe place
58 Bullets, eg
59 Supply with food
60 Protected from the wind
61 Mr. Martin
62 Ringed tail mammals
63 Actor Alda

DOWN
1 Light device
2 Adam's son
3 *Sugar Bowl site*
4 Slalom shape
5 Holy
6 African antelope
7 Sheet metal
8 Sulpher: comb. form
9 Dunce
10 Related to the sea
11 Actress Bancroft
12 Den
13 LAX signs
19 Certain gems
21 Nights before
24 Bull fight cries
25 One of Santa's eight
26 Pub frequenter ?
27 Hook up the keg again
28 Musical drama
29 Director Frank
30 *Bowling mishap*
31 Former Sen. Kefauver
32 Actors Penn & Connery
34 San and Don
37 Specification; abr.
38 Assuage
40 Bell town
41 They in Rome
43 Singer Frankie
44 Abettors' companion ?
46 Females
47 Actor Everett
48 Weak
49 Town in New York
50 Roman orator
52 On the waves
53 High schooler
55 Airwaves reg. agcy.
56 ____ Schwartz
57 Lambs call

Quotable Quote

" The shortest distance between two points is under consideration. "
Noelle Alito

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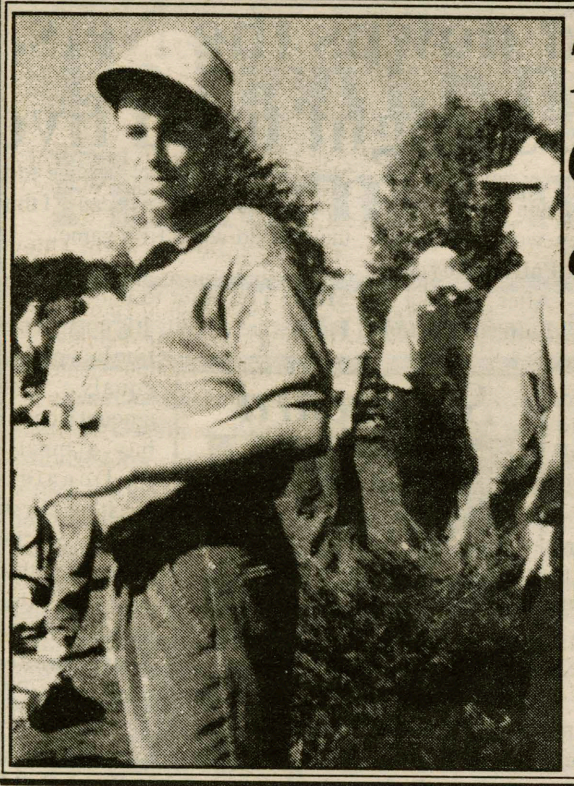

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

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Mark Fedorcik

Hartwick Invitational Golf Tournament

Shot a 74 and a 77 for a Fourth place finish out of 58

—CARICATURE BY MAX BRACE

When the NESCAC lifted the ban on NCAA post-season play for its athletes last year, Marc Fedorcik '95 probably never dreamed of a national championship. Although Mark Fedorcik '95 limits his aspirations to more humble goals, the ace on the golf team continues to take over for ailing superstar Marc Simon '94. Fedorcik paced the Continentals recently at the Hartwick Invitational, placing fourth amongst incredible competition. He takes hot play to the NESCAC championships this weekend hoping to lead Hamilton to their first confrence title since 1990. Congratulations Mark, you are the *Garden Cafe's Athlete of the Week!*

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Slater Carberry

In a span of only two games, lacrosse captain Slater Carberry '94 carriedsome incredible weight for the Continentals. He scored 6 goals and tallied 2 assists in a loss to Clarkson, but his six goals and four assists against Elmira helped the Continentals to their first victory of the season. Way to go, Slater!

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This past weekend, the golfing Continentals played well enough to finish third out of a field of twelve teams at the Hartwick Invitational held in Oneonta. The bad news arising from the tournament play was that Williams, another contender for the NESCAC title and national honors, slipped past the Continentals by a single stroke.

In the first round, the Continentals shot a competitive 319 to hold down second place, five shots ahead of Williams, Ithaca, and Utica College. Mark Fedorcik '95 shot a 74, followed closely by Jonathan Cooper '96, who shot 78 in leading a fine overall showing. Hamilton was hampered by an injury to co-captain Marc Simon, who sprained his knee and went eleven over par for the first seven holes following the incident. He later rallied to shoot an 83, with teammates Mike Saber '97 (84) and Dan Murdock '94 (86) trailing Simon's comeback.

The story of the day, however, was the superb play of the Binghamton team, ranked third nationally. Binghamton, led by a two under par by their All-American ace Jason Sladish, shot an outstanding 297, averaging around 75 per player on the highly touted team.

The red hot Colonials played even better the second day as they shot 294 on their way to the tournament crown. According to Coach Bob Simon, Binghamton's two day total of 591 would be quite competitive even at the highest levels of collegiate golf.

Hamilton found itself in a dog fight for second place. The Continentals respectable 319 was not enough to hold off rival Williams. The Ephman saw their 3rd team All-American Division III basketball superstar Rob BIce display his best Michael Jordan impression. The Williams athlete shot an incredible 71 as he trailed Slandish for individual honors at the tournament.

This weekend the Continentals take their hopes for a NESCAC championship and NCAA bid to Williamstown for the conference finale. Hamilton looks to Amherst and Williams for most of the competition for the crown as the Continentals hope to return to their glory of their 1990 NESCAC championship season.

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Sport	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
Men's Lacrosse		Skidmore 1:00				Albany 3:30	
Women's Lacrosse							
Men's Golf	NESCAC Championship @ Middlebury					Western NY Championship	
Men's Tennis	NESCAC Championship						
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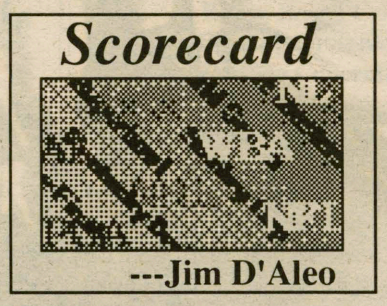
To cut downs the Nets, Knicks might need five

NHL: Look, I never said that the **Islanders** would win the series, I just thought they would play the **Rangers** tough... **Patrick Roy** cannot be for real. After winning a game to tie the **Montreal-Boston** series at two after being in the hospital with appendicitis, he faced 61 Boston shots on Monday, saving 60 of them in Montreal's 2-1 overtime win. 60 shots is just incomprehensible. You just have to wonder where Montreal's defense was throughout this whole game to allow so many shots on net... How about that **Buffalo-New Jersey** series? A quadruple overtime, 1-0 victory on Wednesday for the Sabres brings the series to a seventh game on Friday. **Dominik Hasek** made 66 saves for the Buffalo victory. (I guess he was watching Patrick Roy the night before.) The closeness and the type of series played show why I believe that the winner could cause some damage in the later rounds. Both defenses and goaltenders are phenomenal. Defense is what wins games in the playoffs, meaning both these teams should be watched in the future. Personally, I think the Devils' better offense will win out in the seventh game, giving them the series...



NBA: David Robinson scored 71 points on Sunday to take the NBA scoring title. He edged out **Shaquille O'Neal**, who scored a mere 32 that same day, by 0.44 points. You don't happen to think that the rest of the **San Antonio** squad happened to be feeding him the ball in the fourth quarter, do you? I'm sure the 28 points he scored in the final twelve minutes were just an accident... You've got to love basketball; you can even see trash talking from former players in the stands. On Sunday, right before **Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf** took two free throws on his attempt to break the single season free throw percentage record, recordholder **Calvin Murphy** called for the ball, "put a hex on the ball," and started to yell at Abdul-Rauf as he took his first shot. Abdul-Rauf missed the second of the two shots, allowing Murphy the opportunity to clap. Sometimes I think people take records a little too seriously... **Shaquille O'Neal** led the NBA with a .599 field goal percentage on the season. Now, you don't think that most of those shots were dunks, do you?... I think **Seattle** will walk toward the finals. I really don't see them breaking a sweat until the semi-finals, where they would probably play **Houston** or **Phoenix**. Whichever one of those teams that wins will be beat up by the time they see Seattle. The **Knicks**, who I still think are best team in the East, may not make it out of the first round. If there is one team in the East that could knock them off, it would be **New Jersey**. The Nets have to be gotten rid of quickly because I think they would win a fifth game...

MLB: You want to know why the **Padres** are so bad. It's not that their total payroll equals the amount it costs to buy a meal at McDonald's. No, it's either stupidity or they have something else on their minds. Pitcher **Scott Sanders** was scheduled to pitch against the **Mets** on Tuesday. So, what was he doing the night before. He gets arrested with outfielder **Derek Bell** for soliciting a prostitute in New York City. I don't know much about playing in the major leagues, but isn't there the belief that you should be conserving energy? Getting back to the stupidity aspect, who else, other than a Padre, would be dumb enough to actually get caught soliciting a prostitute the night before a game? In New York City? I think the number is too small to actually conceive. It makes you wonder... As of this week, no team in the AL West had a winning record. Ah, the joys of three divisions. At least in the old system, the division leader would have been above a .500 winning percentage. This is the first of what will be many problems with the three division system... **Joe Carter** broke the record for most RBI's in an April this week. Not bad for a guy who was supposed to miss at least the first month with a broken thumb. And to think the **Cubs** once traded him as a prospect for almost nothing. At least **Cleveland** got **Sandy Alomar Jr.** and **Carlos Baerga** out of their trade...

NFL: The first round of the NFL draft lasted four hours and 56 minutes, the second longest in NFL history. This just proves that it is one of the most boring experiences imaginable (and proving me correct for the first and only time this week). I do have one question: why do the first few picks take so long. Wouldn't they already know who they were going to take?... **Charlie Ward** became only the second Heisman Trophy winner not to be drafted. The **Florida State** quarterback never made clear whether he was going to play football or basketball. It was probably the best outcome for him because he would probably make a better living as a backup point guard than a backup quarterback...

MISCELLANEOUS: I came real close on the **Holyfield-Moorer** fight, huh. Though I did not see the fight, I think I have a feeling about how it went after seeing **Mike Lupica** say that Moorer "beat Holyfield like a drum." Holyfield lost a lot more than the fight; he also lost his career. Doctors found that Holyfield has a cardiac condition, which would prevent Holyfield from ever fighting again. Too bad.

Bo Don't Know Platform Tennis

Written By Sports Editor Jack R. Selby

Something is empirically wrong when Coach Frank teaches badminton. Outside of Bangladesh, the sports sit next to a cannister of Miracle-Gro, contained in a dusty box somewhere in the depths of America's garages. Badminton conjures up no notions of apple pie, but instead reminds me of a funny game used to break up the monotony of barbeque chicken and fireworks . However, at Hamilton, the sport becomes a physical fitness class, a requirement, a mandate for graduation, a hurdle for studying abroad. More than anything else, badminton, and the rest of the physical education classes, are simply modes of justifying the full-time employment of seasonal coaches within the athletic department.

As of right now, I cannot go abroad next fall because I have not pleasured myself with enough badminton to be deemed a physically fit person, hence certainly not worthy of studying overseas my junior year. Coincidentally, Hamilton recently enacted a $900 stipend per semester abroad for students ready to flee the Hill their junior year. Gene cited reasons of universal hardship that all institutions of higher education endure nowadays, and lucky for Hamilton, this fee pales in comparison to the outrageous amounts evidently charged by other colleges and university for comparable programs. First, I hope this money at least goes to Gene, and no one else. More importantly, I suggest a more scrupulous cost-cutting approach to Hamilton's current economic crisis.

Cleverly, I have tied the two issues together with my compelling personal saga, but with every good tale, a moral lies at its conclusion. I continue.

In the athletic department, most coaches take on more than one role. The talent amongst the Hamilton coaching ranks affords this luxury, and the resulting heterogeneity of the sports' staffs fosters a cohesiveness important to a small schools athletic ambitions. The soccer coach doubles as a lacrosse coach, the baseball coach doubles as a football coach, the swimming coach doubles as a soccer coach, the squash coach doubles as a tennis coach, etc. This is good. It is economical. I like it.

But just as Michael Jordan cannot hit a screwball (or a curveball for that matter), Hamilton coaches honestly defy any seriousness when they attempt to oversee two separate sports and teach a physical education class in yet another sport. Versatility is one thing, but being on the payroll bored with nothing to do before practice is another.

At a level of competition where coaches claim not to recruit and where the focus is supposedly on academics and not on athletics, the morning hours might drag on a little bit inside the offices of the athletic department. Since the entire staff cannot all sit huddled around a television watching Oprah, I believe God, on the eleventh day, created the physical fitness requirement

The sea parted and hockey coaches shall instruct tennis. The rains came, but the football coach shall continue to teach golf. And after an arduous journey through the dessert, the squash coach shall preside over the learning of the ancient art of platform tennis.

What is platform tennis?

My whining commences at this point, and I stress the importance of a diversified athletic staff who adapts readily to the challenges of developing a comprehensive athletic program that offers as many students as possible an opportunity to compete collegiately. Just as the department prides itself in its resourcefulness in recycling coaches for various sports, it conflicts with the supposed financial realities of the college by employing over twenty coaches full -time. Certain coaches necessitate more payroll hours than others, but in the interest of a lean and mean economic machine, I doubt the entire payroll stands impeccably justified, physical education requirement or not. Furthermore, if the requirement must continue, certainly the brain trust behind the studies abroad sum realizes that the reigns must be tightened on the ship unilaterally. To do so otherwise insults the intelligence of the paying customer/student and suppresses existing inefficiencies while creating unnecessary cost increases at a school whose dollar value already exceeds the most creative imagination.

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Hectic finale to cap successful softball season

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Softball swings into action this weekend ranked 10th in the New York State.

By Melissa Hart '97
Sports Staff Writer

The softball squad continued its successful season this past week, compiling four more wins and falling only once as they raised their record to 10-4. Not only has the team been capturing wins against top ranked teams in the state such as R.I.T. and Skidmore, but they have also had to do so playing a schedule which has been condensed into more of a two week crash course thanks in part to the inclement Clinton weather. Fortunately, enthusiasm, dedication, and more cooperative weather have enabled the team to endure their demanding schedule.

Last Thursday the squad had its new home field debut and properly christened the site with two victories over local opponent Utica College. Kristen Ring '96 dominated the first game from the mound, throwing a two-hitter and allowing only one run in the seventh inning. Jen Lotufo '96 had a busy game denying Utica at shortstop and she also managed to step up offensively going 2 for 3 with a long double. In the third inning, Ring had the first two Hamilton RBI's, hitting in Michelle Pickett '96 and captain Sarah Deforest '94. The game ended with Hamilton ahead 6-1. The second game was long and cold and eventually ended early because of darkness. The 8-5 finish was actually more decisive than the score might imply. Marsha Foster '95 threw for the Continentals as she held Utica to five hits. Defensively the team had a solid showing, and offensively Deforest, Carrie Kopriva '94 (both went 2 for 3), and Pickett (1 for 1, winning RBI) paced Hamilton.

On Saturday, the team traveled to Rochester to play St. John Fisher, a perennial powerhouse. Ring and Deforest took command on the mound and behind the plate in their respective positions. Ring held a strong hitting St. John Fisher team to three hits and gave up just one base on balls. Captain Faith Morgan '94 and Betsy Crary '96 anchored the infield, preventing Fisher from hitting through the left side, and Karen Werkhoven '96 turned in another solid game at first. The outfield's defensive play also proved ungiving as they made some fine plays, including Beth Merle's'94 diving catch in centerfield. At the plate, Pickett (1 for 3) hit a screaming triple, and Foster (2 for 4) hit in two runs. Certainly the 6-1 victory over a capable Fisher club showed the Continentals' potential as a force in New York State collegiate softball at the Division III level. The second game of the doubleheader saw Fisher's bats begin to come alive while Hamilton's took an untimely rest. Though Marsha Foster turned in a solid pitching performance, Fisher handled her pitches as they tallied five runs by the end of the fourth inning. In the seventh inning, Hamilton showed some fire as they staged a rally with two outs. A line drive single by Crary preceded Kim Colvin's '96 triple. Though Hamilton refused to surrender in the late innings, the awakening of the bats was too little, too late, and the Continentals were handed their fourth loss of the season.

Monday, the squad went on the road again to face the R.P.I. Engineers in a single contest. Though R.P.I. boasted solid hitting, Ring's stingy six hit allowance on the mound kept the Continentals in the game until Hamilton's explosive nineteen hit, eleven run explosion put the game well out of reach. Leading the offensive charge were Lotufo and Amy Palmieri '97, each going 2 for 3, and other offensive contributions from a cast of players including Kopriva (2 for 3), Ring (3 for 5), (3 for 4), and Lowey Bundy '96 (1 for 2). As a team, the squad batted a relentless .514, picking up its tenth win this season.

The Continentals head into their final game-intensive stretch where they will face five opponents in five days, due mostly to many reschedules. Fortunately for the supportive Hamilton community, four out of five days the softball team will be hosting their opponents on the Continental home field, just a short jaunt away from Love Field. Boasting a team fielding average of .925, a batting average of .314, a slugging average of .416, the tenth-in-the-state ranked Hamilton squad will have a busy and challenging weekend, facing a competitive Hartwick club in a doubleheader on Saturday, and ninth ranked rival Union College in a doubleheader on Sunday.

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Tables turned in lax's 1st victory with blowout of Elmira

By Jack Selby '96
Spectator Sports Editor

Without a win after seven games, the men's lacrosse team refused to give up hope. Although the Continentals play in arguably the most intense region in the country for Division III lacrosse, Coach von Schiller and his troops refused to accept any excuses for their recent failures. Their persistent dedication paid off this past week with a victory over Elmira after they rebounded from a tough loss to a nationally-ranked powerhouse.

A 15th ranked Clarkson team provided the Continentals with a difficult task. Down 12-0 at halftime, Hamilton looked downtrodden and out of the game, and indeed they were, but they stormed back in a valiant comeback that ended just short of upsetting Clarkson. The second half performance centered around senior captain Slater Carberry. Throughout the season, Carberry bore the burden of leading the Hamilton attack. Sometimes his skills singled him out for deliberate defensive attention that even Carberry himself had trouble handling. Still, the team leader in goals and assists managed to evade the Clarkson strategy as he erupted for six goals and assisted in two others. In terms of math, Carberry's performance figured him in on every Hamilton score, but his heroics alone could not catch the insurmountable lead established by Clarkson in the first half. In goal, Anthony Cunningham '95 continued to develop into a stellar goalie. The new man in the nets for the Continentals this year stopped 19 shots of the Clarkson attack.

The Continentals returned home Saturday night determine to turn things around this week, beginning with their match against Elmira on Wednesday. Carberry once again erupted, matching his output of Saturday with six more goals. Carberry complemented his play by also finding his teammates four times for assists as they romped to a 19-5 victory. The win broke a seven game losing streak, and saw offensive contributions from Clay Hale '94 (four goals and two assists), Rob Young '95 (two goals), and Andrew Lee '94 (three goals). With the attack coming from so many different players, the Continentals hope to build on this newfound versatility this Saturday against Skidmore.

PHOTO BY ALICIA WHITE DAVIS '97

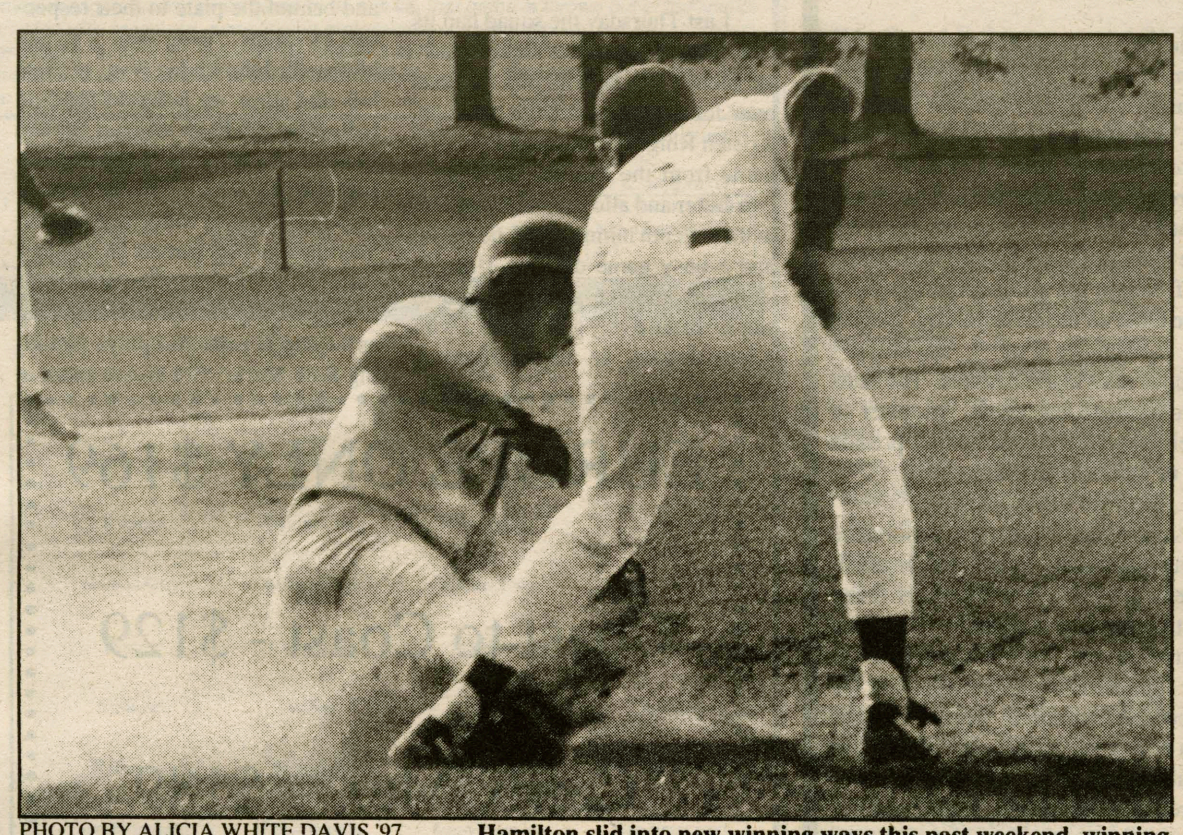
SchuylerPerry '97 wields a big stick for the Hamilton defense.

Ball finally begins to bounce baseball's way

By Jack Selby '96
Spectator Sports Editor

Just as the major league season lasts a seemingly never ending six months, the spring sports season tends to drag a little, especially with inclement weather and an eleven game losing streak. The Continentals looked for better success on the diamond this past week as they hoped to slowly dig their way out of 2-12 ditch after three weeks of play.

This past weekend, the Hamilton bats exploded with the arrival of actual spring weather. On Saturday, the defrost began with pitching taking command as the Continentals split a doubleheader. The first game ended 6-4 in favor of the host R.I.T. club, but Ryan Christ supplied plenty of offense for the Continentals. Going 3-4, Christ tormented Rochester's pitching as he did his best to keep Hamilton in the game. In the end, the Continentals came up just short. In the second game of the doubleheader, John Hanford '95 picked up where Christ left off as he banged out four hits in as many at-bats. The Continentals managed only three runs despite Hanford's contribution, but the day belonged to pitcher Mike Rahmer '95. The football star stood imposingly atop the mound as he threw his heat right at the R.I.T. batters. His control and power amounted to nine strikeouts and only two hits by the opposition. His mastery provided Hamilton with plenty of a cushion as they rolled to a 3-2 victory.



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Hamilton slid into new winning ways this past weekend, winning three out of four contests.

The offense arose from its Saturday slumber to account for 31 runs in the slaughtering of visiting Rochester. Back to back victories of 14-12 and 17-6 highlighted the offensive progress of emerging stars like Eric Macrina '94 and Aaron Simon '96. Macrina slugged a grand slam in the second game of the twin bill as he terrorized the Rochester bullpen. His six R.B.I.'s on the day resulted from 3 for 7 hitting that ignited the Hamilton bats. Meanwhile, Simon took the cue from Macrina's senior leadership. With a booming three run shot in the second game and a perfect 5 for 5 outing in the first game, Simon's contributions kept the Continentals ahead in both slugfests. Also contributing to the cause, Adam Rowland '95 followed suit by going 4 for 7 with two R.B.I.'s on the day.

The Continentals rode their newfound winning ways into Tuesday's matchup at home against Rensselear. The visitors proved to be unkind guests. The offensive mainstays for the hosts came out to play once again for the Continentals, but their efforts alone failed to overcome the Rensselear ten run total. Macrina managed three hits on the afternoon, including a home run. Hanford and Simon also supported the Hamilton effort at the plate, each amassing two hits. The Continentals fell by a score of 10-3.

The Continentals travel to Oneonta tomorrow to warm up for Sunday's showdown at the famous Cooperstown Tournament.

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